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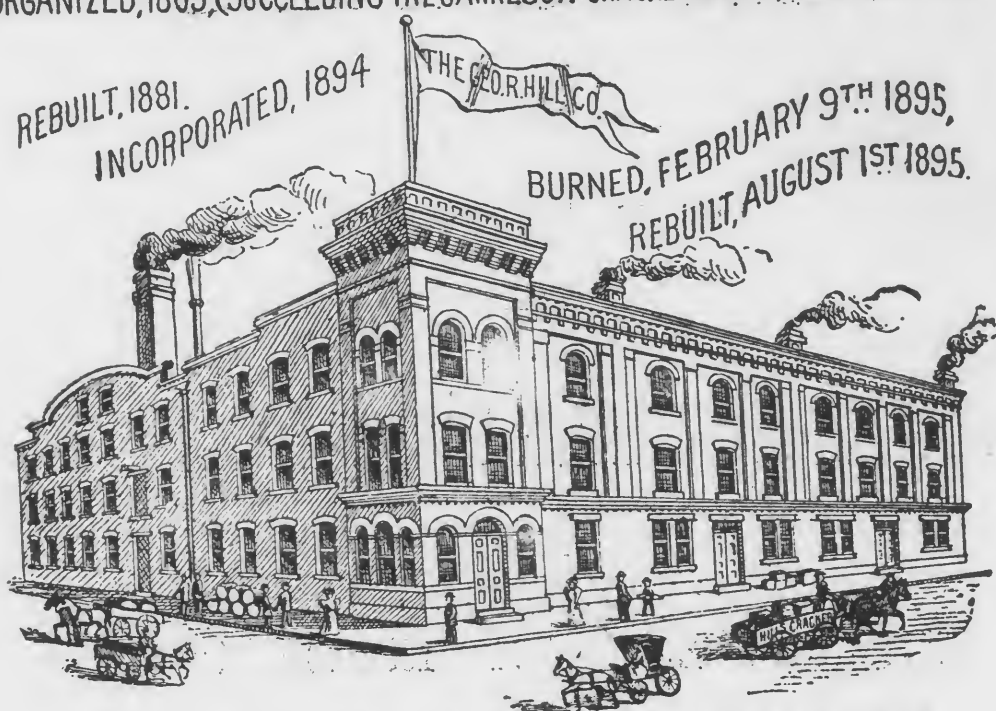
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*Absent.

1832—Francis M. Mills.*
1834—Nelson Head.*
1837—William G. Eggleston.*
1842—J. Hoffman Waugh.
1844—John W. Tongue.
Samuel K. Cox.
1846—Robert Smith.*
1848—Charles G. Linthicum.*
John T. Wightman.
1849—James M. Follansbee.*
1851—J. Newman Hank.*
1853—James E. Armstrong.
James S. Gardner.
Thomas E. Carson.
Hamilton A. Gaver.
Ephriam L. Kregelo.
1854—Robert R. S. Hough.
1855—James H. Wolff.
Francis A. Mercer.*
1856—Philip S. E. Sixeas.
Saul B. Dolly.
Joseph J. Engle.
Rumsey Smithson.
1857—Aaron Boon.
James S. Porter.
William G. Hammond.
1858—A. Poe Boude.
J. Herve DuLany.
1859—John W. Canter.
Thomas Briley.
William Hedges.
Lewis H. Graybill.
Larkin H. Crenshaw.
Sylvanus Townsend.*
1860—Lewis R. Jones.
John P. Hyde.
George H. Zimmerman.
Leonidas Butt.
J. Lester Shipley.
Edward H. Henry.
1861—Lemuel W. Haslup.*
Peter H. Whisner.
Adam Q. Flaherty.
Charles A. Joyce.*
1863—Allen A. P. Neel.
1864—Joseph J. Crickenberger.
Charles L. Damaron.*

1864—Addison Weller.
Wesley Hammond.
1866—John T. Maxwell.
William A. M. McDonald.
John A. Kern.
Isaac W. Canter.
Benjamin F. Ball.
James R. VanHorne.
1867—Rufus H. Wilson.
Walter W. Watts.
Thomas W. Brown.
H. Monroe Strickler.
1868—David Bush.
Asbury R. Martin.
Henry H. Kennedy.
William H. D. Harper.
Lewis G. Martin.
1869—Frazier Furr.
George T. Tyler.
William O. Ross.
Henry D. Bishop.
Francis H. Shipley.
1870—Jefferson W. Duffey.
John S. Hutchinson.
Joe Hay Young.
1871—William E. Miller.
Beverly W. Bond.
Hamilton W. Kinzer.
Asbury C. McNeer.
Thomas Cooper.
1872—Frank A. Strother.
Sydnor G. Ferguson.
John C. Sedwick.
Lewis L. Lloyd.
Oliver C. Beall.
Lafayette Fox.
Quincy A. Wheat.
1873—James T. Williams.
1874—J. Robert Andrew.
J. Frederick Baggs.
Thomas G. Nevitt.
Oscar F. Burgess.
Charles E. Simmons.
Rufus M. Wheeler.
1875—James H. Boyd.
Andrew M. Cackley.
Henry S. Coe.

- 1875—Luke R. Markwood.
William B. Dorsey.
J. Kyle Gilbert.
William Melville.
- 1876—George T. D. Collins.
J. Latimer Kibler.
William E. Woolf.
John H. Davidson.
Alfred O. Armstrong.
F. M. Totten.
- 1877—William H. Woolf.
German O. Homan.
Jacob S. Hopkins.
John C. Jones.
Henry P. Hamill.
- 1878—John A. Anderson.
William H. Sanders.
- 1879—James W. Grubb.
David F. Eutsler.
W. P. Conway Coe.
John O. Tackett.
- 1880—Collins Denny.
John C. Thrasher.
Henry A. Brown.
- 1881—John W. Mitchell.
Simpson V. Hildebrand.
Frank T. Griffith.
J. Edgar Wilson.
- 1882—James M. Hawley.
David L. Reid.
Charles W. Mark.*
Charles B. Sutton.
- 1883—Jefferson D. Martin.
James L. Henderson.
George D. White.
- 1884—Forrest J. Prettyman.
Clarence L. Kennard.
William L. Dolly.
John H. Light.
John O. Knott.
John H. Kuhlman.
C. Harry Buchanan.
- 1885—James P. Stump.
William A. Sites.
Hamilton M. Roane.
Henry I. Stephens.
Henry T. Wirgman.
- 1886—Thomas J. Lambert.
William H. Ballangee.
Christopher Sydenstricker.
Samuel A. Parker.
George R. Mays.*
Charles W. Cook.
Walter J. Hubbard.
- 1887—Norman N. Hall.
Thomas J. Miller.
Charles D. LeFew.
- 1888—William M. Waters.
Charles K. Millican.
- 1888—William F. Locke.
Carlton D. Harris.
Charles S. Stanton.
- 1889—Jacob M. Eavey.
Harry L. Myerly.
David L. Blakemore.
Samuel M. Bowman.
- 1890—William L. Smith.
Alfred B. Sites.
John W. Beall.
William H. H. Joyce.
William T. Gover.
John S. Engle.
Isaac G. Michael.
John H. Wilhite.
Horace M. Whaling.
- 1891—John L. Grant.
William H. Marsh.
Robert L. Fultz.
Charles M. Sarver.
John C. Hawk.
Archibald C. Hamill.
J. Howard Wells.
Oscar W. Lusby.
- 1892—William S. Hammond.
John H. Schooley.
Henry L. Hout.
John W. McNeil.
Frank L. Day.
W. W. Newberry.
- 1893—B. Lee Parrott.
Harrah M. Reed.
James H. Smith.
William J. Whitesell.
Henry A. Wilson.
Homer T. Heironymous.
- 1894—Eldridge V. Regester.
James M. Anderson.
Charles W. Moore.
Frederick A. Gains.
Daniel M. Brown.
Levi B. Atkins.
Courtland P. Smith.
William Stevens.
Linwood Hammond.
Chas. L. Lynch.
- 1895—John H. Dills.
William D. Keene.
John B. Henry.
Charles D. Bulla.
Homer H. Sherman.
George H. Echols.
M. Preston Weikle.
C. Forrest Moore.
Harry W. Gross.

Total.....208

LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT—Robert Magruder, Thomas J. Owens, Edward D. Preston,
William T. Carr.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT—Jesse C. Taylor, Jasper M. Berry, Jr., John E. Swift,
Edward B. Magruder.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT—Albertus L. Johnson, Henry M. Woolf, Benjamin
F. Mark, William H. Thomas.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT—M. Lauck Walton, John W. McCarty, James B. Clary,
John H. Ford.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT—Edward S. Conrad, Layton B. Yancey, R. Sumpter
Griffith, Jesse T. Heard.

ROANOKE DISTRICT—Tipton T. Fishburne, Oliver D. Batchelor, Sidney T.
Moreland, John W. Woods.

LBWISBURG DISTRICT—A. Elias Huddleston, Jerome J. Hobbs, R. Washing-
ton Hill, E. Chase Bare.

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT—T. Cass Dye, John W. Vandiver, McKenny T. Davis,
Amos L. Pugh.

GENERAL MINUTES.

Ques. I. Who are admitted on trial?

Ans. * Wallace O. Tolbert, Frank A. Tyler, George William Bogle, William Hinkle Best, † Henry Lawson, Ernest A. Woolf, Harry M. Canter, Howard A. Murrill, † Robert Lee Eutsler, Daniel Wycliff Griffin.

* Continued in this class from last year.

† Local Deacons.

Ques. II. Who remain on trial?

Ans. † Evan A. Edwards, William E. Henry, Charles H. Cannon. * David H. Kern, John R. Jacobs, † Alfred L. Harnsberger, George W. Richardson, Grayson D. Kidner.

† Local Deacon.

* Local Elder.

† Local Elder.

Ques. III. Who are discontinued?

Ans. None.

Ques. IV. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans. * James M. Anderson, * Charles W. Moore, * Frederick A. Gains, * Daniel M. Brown, * Courtland P. Smith, * Linwood Hammond, John H. Dills, William D. Keene, John B. Henry, Charles D. Bulla, Homer H. Sherman, Josiah J. Ringer, George H. Echols, M. Preston Weikle, Charles F. Moore.

* Continued in this class from last year.

Ques. V. Who are re-admitted?

Ans. Oscar W. Lusby, (in class of third year.)

Ques. VI. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Ans. Joe Hay Young, from the Louisville Conference; Frank A. Tyler, from the Holston Conference, (in the class of first year.)

Ques. VII. Who are the Deacons of one year?

Ans. † B. Lee Parrott, † Harrah M. Reed, † James H. Smith, † Henry A. Wilson, † Homer T. Heironimus, † W. White Newberry, Charles L. Lynch.

* Oscar W. Lusby, Eldridge V. Regester, * Levi B. Atkins, William Stevens.

† Continued in this class from last year.

* Local Elders.

Ques. VIII. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

Ans. Charles D. Bulla, George H. Echols, M. Preston Weikle.

Ques. IX. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Ans. Charles D. Bulla, George H. Echols, M. Preston Weikle.

Ques. X. What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Ans. Henry Lawson, Robert Lee Eutsler, Alfred L. Harnsberger, Wallace O. Tolbert.

Ques. XI. What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Ans. Henry Lawson, Robert Lee Eutsler, Alfred L. Harnsberger, Wallace O. Tolbert.

Ques. XII. What traveling preachers are elected Elders?

Ans. William J. Whitesell, Frank L. Day.

Ques. XIII. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

Ans. William J. Whitesell, Frank L. Day.

Ques. XIV. What local preachers are elected Elders?

Ans. David Henry Kern, Oscar W. Lusby.

Ques. XV. What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Ans. David Henry Kern, Oscar W. Lusby.

Ques. XVI. Who are located this year?

Ans. Edward H. Dashiell—(at his own request.)

Ques. XVII. Who are Supernumerary?

Ans. J. Newman Hank, Joseph J. Engle, Adam Q. Flaherty, Jacob S. Hopkins.

Ques. XVIII. Who are superannuated?

Ans. Francis M. Mills, Nelson Head, William G. Eggleston, J. Hoffman Waugh, John W. Tongue, Robert Smith, Charles G. Linthicum, James M. Follansbee, Hamilton A. Gaver, Ephraim L. Kregelo, Francis A. Mercer, Philip S. E. Sixeas, Aaron Boon, William Hedges, Larkin H. Crenshaw, Sylvanus Townsend, Charles A. Joyce, Charles L. Damaron, Wesley Hammond, John T. Maxwell, Hamilton W. Kinzer, John O. Tackett.

Ques. XIX. What preachers have died during the past year?

Ans. Joshua Marsden Grandin, John Wesley Boteler, Robert Ross, Joseph H. Temple.

Ques. XX. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Ans. Their names were called one by one and their characters were examined and passed.

Ques. XXI. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations, and Missions of the Conference?

Ans. Local preachers, 96; white members, 50,585; colored members, 33. Total, 50,714.

Ques. XXII. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 1,580.

Ques. XXIII. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 1,969.

Ques. XXIV. What is the number of Epworth Leagues?

Ans. 165.

Ques. XXV. What is the number of Epworth League members?

Ans. 7,160.

Ques. XXVI. What is the number of Sunday-Schools?

Ans. 581.

Ques. XXVII. What is the number of Sunday-School teachers?

Ans. 5,699.

Ques. XXVIII. What is the number of Sunday-School scholars?

Ans. 40,357.

Ques. XXIX. What amount is necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Ans. \$12,000.

Ques. XXX. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Ans. Collections, \$8,587; Publishing House, \$847; Corporate Board of Finance, \$1,200. Total, \$10,634.

Ques. XXXI. What has been contributed for missions?

Ans. Foreign, \$11,575.09; Domestic, \$6,146; Woman's Missionary Society, \$3,025.56. Total, \$20,746.65.

Ques. XXXII. What has been contributed for Church Extension?

Ans. \$2,237.

Ques. XXXIII. What has been done for the American Bible Society?

Ans. Contributed \$361.00.

Ques. XXXIV. What has been contributed for the support of Presiding Elders and Preachers in charge?

Ans. Presiding Elders, \$11,549; Preachers in charge, \$117,611.

Ques. XXXV. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops?

Ans. \$2,007.

Ques. XXXVI. What is the number of Societies, and the number and estimated value of Church edifices?

Ans. Number of societies, 630; Church edifices, 521; value, \$1,186,065.

Ques. XXXVII. What is the number of Pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them?

Ans. Number of charges, 160; parsonages, 135; value, \$220,050.

Ques. XXXVIII. What is the number and value of District parsonages?

Ans. Number of District parsonages, 5; value, \$20,000.

Ques. XXXIX. What are the Educational Statistics?

Ans. Collections, \$1,499; Payne and Lane Institutes, \$313.00. Total, \$1,812. Randolph-Macon College, value of property, \$116,000; endowment, \$126,000; professors, 10; pupils, 132. Randolph-Macon Woman's College, value of property, \$124,000; endowment, \$103,000; professors, 20; pupils, 172. Randolph-Macon Academy, at Front Royal, value of property, \$102,000; professors, 6; pupils, 81. Randolph-Macon Academy, at Bedford City, value of property, \$99,600; professors, 8; pupils, 120. Wesleyan Female Institute, value of property, \$30,000; professors, 11; pupils, 63.

Ques. XL. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Ans. Hinton, W. Va.

Ques. XLI. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

Ans. See Appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

The figures refer to the Year of Appointment.

Baltimore District.

J. S. HUTCHINSON, P. E.	4
<i>Baltimore City:</i>	
Central and Caernarvon—	
J. A. Anderson	2
W. H. Best,	1
J. N. Hank, Sup'y.	
St. Paul's and Wilkins' ave. {	H. M. Whaling, 3
	Wm. Stevens, 1
Emmanuel—	W. S. Hammond, 2
Frederick ave.—	L. W. Haslup, 1
Arlington and Sudbrook {	J. S. Engle, 4
	F. L. Day, 3
Reisterstown and Mission {	C. S. Stanton, 3
	F. H. Shipley, 1
Freedom—	W. A. McDonald, 3
F. A. Tyler,	1
Linganore—	W. E. Woolf, 2
J. M. Anderson,	1
Frederick City—	J. H. Wilhite, 2
Brunswick—	S. M. Bowman, 1
Rockville—	A. O. Armstrong, 1
E. A. Edwards,	1
Gaithersburg—	L. L. Lloyd, 3
Montgomery—	W. H. Sanders, 2
G. W. Bogle,	2
Beltsville—	J. C. Hawk, 2
Hyattsville—	Wm. Melville, 2
(One to be supplied.)	
Emory—	H. M. Reed, 2
Wesley Grove—	J. H. Dulany, 2
Laurel—	C. P. Smith, 2
Patuxent—	T. J. Lambert, 1
Forest Grove—	F. Furr, 1

J. S. Hutchinson, Editor *Baltimore Christian Advocate*.

East Baltimore District.

I. W. CANTER, P. E.	1
<i>Baltimore City:</i>	
Trinity—	J. H. Young, 2
Calvary—	C. D. Harris, 4
North Baltimore—	D. H. Kern, 1
Taylor's—	J. L. Shipley, 2
West Harford—	A. B. Sites, 3
East Harford—	Wm. E. Miller, 2
Kent—	J. C. Sedwick, 2
Queen Anne's—	C. L. Kennard, 1
Church Hill—	J. E. Wilson, 4
Hillsboro—	W. L. Smith, 1
Easton and Caroline—	
H. T. Wirgman,	1
I. Christopher, supply.	3
Trappe—	C. W. Mark, 3
Royal Oak—	L. G. Martin, 2
Severn—	C. E. Simmons, 1
Chesapeake—	W. P. C. Coe, 2
West River—	N. N. Hall, 4
Calvert—	E. H. Henry, 3
W. E. Henry,	3
Prince George's—	F. T. Griffith, 4
Charles—	J. B. Henry, 1
St. Mary's—	C. W. Moore, 2

Washington District.

J. H. BOYD, P. E.	1
<i>Washington City:</i>	
Mt. Vernon Place and West	
Washington—	J. W. Duffey, 1
J. W. Beall,	2
Epworth—	J. O. Knott, 3
Marvin—	W. F. Locke, 2

Alexandria and Mission —	
J. T. Williams,	3
J. H. Wells,	1
Fredericksburg—J. P. Stump,	1
Fall's Church—A. M. Cackley,	3
Leesburg—E. V. Regester,	1
Loudoun—G. T. Tyler,	4
E. L. Woolf,	1
Hamilton—T. G. Nevitt,	1
Hillsboro—S. B. Dolly,	2
Middleburg—S. V. Hildebrand,	2
Sterling—A. Weller,	3
J. R. Jacobs,	1
Fairfax—C. K. Millican,	2
Marshall—H. M. Strickler,	4
H. T. Heironimus	1
Warrenton—J. S. Gardner,	2
Occoquan—J. W. Grubb,	1
Sudley and Manassas—	
C. B. Sutton,	3
D. L. Blakemore	2
Fauquier—J. L. Grant,	2
Stafford—A. R. Martin,	1
Morrisville—W. T. Gover.	1

[Winchester District.

B. W. BOND, P. E.	1
Winchester—S. K. Cox,	2
Frederick—L. Fox,	1
Stephen City—J. C. Thrasher,	2
Middletown—J. R. Andrew,	3
Strasburg—H. L. Hout,	4
J. S. Hopkins, sup'y.	
Woodstock—H. H. Kennedy,	1
Edenburg—J. F. Baggs,	3
Fort Royal and Riverton—	
D. Bush,	2
Warren—J. S. Porter,	2
G. D. Kidner,	1
Linden—I. G. Michael,	1
Page—T. J. Miller,	3
White Post—F. A. Gains,	1
Berryville—R. R. S. Hough,	1
J. J. Engle, Sup'y.	

Brucetown—O. C. Beall,	2
Darksville—W. J. Hubbard,	1
Martinsburg—S. G. Ferguson,	1
Berkeley—H. S. Coe,	3
Charles Town—R. Smithson,	1
Jefferson and Mission—	
J. H. Wolff,	3
H. A. Murrell,	2
Sheperdstown and } J. L. Kibler, 2	
Hagerstown } H. W. Gross, 1	
J. A. Kern, <i>Professor in Randolph</i>	
<i>Macon College.</i>	
J. P. Hyde, <i>President Valley Female</i>	
<i>College.</i>	
A. A. P. Neel, <i>General Colporteur.</i>	

Rockingham District.

P. H. WHISNER, P. E.	3
Staunton and West Augusta—	
F. J. Prettyman,	1
J. J. Crickenberger,	4
Harrisonburg—W. H. D. Harper,	2
Bridgewater—W. L. Dolly,	1
A. L. Harnsberger,	2
Mt. Crawford—D. L. Reed,	3
Parnassus—J. J. Ringer,	1
Augusta—W. J. Whitesell,	2
B. V. Switzer, supply.	
Wanesboro'—G. D. White,	2
New Hope—J. K. Gilbert,	1
Rockingham—R. L. Fultz,	2
East Rockingham—L. Butt,	3
Elkton—W. B. Dorsey,	2
Port Republic—J. H. Smith,	1
Shenandoah—H. H. Sherman,	1
Luray—L. R. Jones,	3
New Market—R. M. Wheeler,	2
Mt. Jackson—T. Briley,	2
Marksville—T. Cooper,	1
Fairfield—J. W. Carter,	4
Rockbridge Baths—Q. A. Wheat,	1
Bell's Valley—W. H. Marsh,	3
H. P. Hamill, <i>President of Wesleyan</i>	
<i>Female Institute.</i>	

Roanoke District.

B. F. BALL, P. E.	4
Salem—J. E. Armstrong,	1
<i>Roanoke:</i>	
Greene Memorial—T. E. Carson,	g
Trinity—J. C. Jones,	3
St. James—H. I. Stevens,	2
Grace—C. D. Bulla,	3
Roanoks Circuit } H. A. Wilson,	2
and Belmont } W. D. Keene,	2
Vinton—G. T. D. Collins,	3
Bethany—W. O. Ross,	2
Buchanan—J. L. Henderson,	2
Fincastle—F. A. Strother,	2
Botetourt—G. O. Homan,	2
A. Q. Flaherty, Sup'y.	
Buena Vista and Rockbridge—	
W. H. H. Joyce,	3
W. O. Tolbert,	2
Lexington—J. T. Wightman,	2
Collierstown—A. P. Boude,	1
Elliston—H. L. Myerly,	3
Christiansburg—W. G. Hammond,	2
Blacksburg—J. H. Davidson,	1
Newport—C. B. LeFev,	1
O. W. Lusby,	1
New Castle—C. W. Cook,	1
Catawba—L. H. Graybill,	1
C. Denny, <i>Professor in Vanderbilt University.</i>	

Lewisburg District.

J. D. MARTIN, P. E.	2
Lewisburg—T. W. Brown,	2
Frankford—R. H. Wilson,	1
H. Lawson,	1
Blue Sulphur—H. M. Roane,	4
Green Sulphur—Geo. H. Echols,	1
Hinton—H. A. Brown,	2
Talcott—G. R. Mays,	4
Alderson—J. M. Hawley,	3
Greenville and Peterstown—	
A. C. McNeer,	3
G. W. Richardson,	2
Union—O. F. Burgess,	1
Ronceverte and White Sulphur—	
L. R. Markwood,	2
H. M. Canter,	1
Alvon—A. C. Hamill,	2

Allegany and Mission—

L. B. Atkins,	1
C. L. Lynch,	1
Covington—C. H. Buchanan,	2
Clifton Forge—J. R. Vanhorne,	2
Millboro—H. D. Bishop,	3
Levelton—J. H. Dills,	2
Huntersville—B. L. Parrott,	1
Green Bank—J. M. Eavey,	1
(One to be supplied.)	
Gillett's—M. P. Weikle,	1
Hot Springs—W. W. Newberry,	1

Moorefield District.

G. H. ZIMMERMAN, P. E.	4
Moorefield—D. F. Eutsler,	2
Petersburg—C. M. Sarver,	3
Franklin—W. M. Waters,	4
Crab Bottom—J. W. McNeil,	1
Keyser and Cumberland—	
J. H. Light,	3
S. A. Parker,	1
Elk Garden—J. H. Kuhlman,	2
Piedmont—C. F. Moore,	3
Frostburg—D. W. Griffin,	2
Flintstone—J. H. Schooley,	3
Romney—C. Sydenstricker,	4
R. L. Eustler,	1
Springfield—J. W. Mitchell,	1
(One to be supplied)	
Slanesville—W. A. Sites,	2
Hardy—C. H. Cannon,	1
Morgan—L. Hammond,	3
Gainsboro—W. W. Watts,	4
Wardensville—C. L. Potter,	3
Capon Bridge—W. H. Ballengee,	2
(One to be supplied.)	
Listonburg—D. M. Brown,	4
Monterey—W. H. Woolf,	4
McDowell—F. M. Totten,	3
M. B. Chapman, transferred to Louisville Conference, and stationed at Fourth St., Louisville.	
F. E. Hammond, transferred to Texas Conference, and stationed at Chapel Hill.	

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

SESSION MARCH 24-30, 1897.

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<i>E. Baltimore</i>	J. H. Young	E. B. Magruder.
<i>Washington</i>	S. G. Ferguson	J. E. Alexander.
<i>Winchester</i>	David Bush	G. J. Cunningham.
<i>Rockingham</i>	W. H. D. Harper	I. B. Kagey.
<i>Roanoke</i>	T. E. Carson	T. T. Fishburne.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	O. F. Bargess	R. W. Hill.
<i>Moorefield</i>	D. F. Eutsler	A. L. Pugh.

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Clerical:

Lay:

<i>Baltimore District</i>	L. L. Lloyd	E. D. Preston.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	F. T. Griffith	J. B. Myers.
<i>Washington</i>	J. W. Grubb	W. S. Embrey.
<i>Winchester</i>	A. O. Armstrong	G. J. Cunningham.
<i>Rockingham</i>	J. H. Boyd	J. P. Houck.
<i>Roanoke</i>	J. C. Jones	T. T. Fishburne.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	H. A. Brown	A. E. Huddleston.
<i>Moorefield</i>	W. H. Woolf	H. H. Jones.

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<i>Baltimore District</i> —	Wm. Melville.....	T. J. Owens.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	W. P. C. Coe.....	J. E. Swift.
<i>Washington</i> “	I. W. Canter.....	E. Lee Broun.
<i>Winchester</i> “	J. A. Kern.....	M. L. Walton.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	L. R. Jones.....	E. S. Conrad.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	H. H. Kennedy.....	J. B. Bushman.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	R. H. Wilson.....	George R. Curry.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	W. H. Ballengee.....	J. W. Vandiver.

IV.—Sunday School Board.ROBERT MAGRUDER, *President.*REV. CHAS. S. STANTON, *Secretary.**Clerical:**Lay:*

<i>Baltimore District</i> —	C. S. Stanton.....	R. Magruder.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	C. D. Harris.....	J. C. Taylor.
<i>Washington</i> “	A. M. Cackley.....	Wm. H. Thomas.
<i>Winchester</i> “	F. Furr.....	M. L. Walton.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	T. Cooper.....	H. G. Barnhart.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	W. H. H. Joyce.....	S. T. Moreland.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	H. M. Roane.....	A. E. Huddleston.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	J. H. Light.....	T. C. Dye.

V.—Board of Church Extension.REV. S. K. COX, *President.*P. V. CONWAY, *Treasurer.**Clerical:**Lay:*

<i>Baltimore District</i> —	A. P. Boude.....	W. T. Carr.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	J. L. Lambert.....	J. M. Berry, Jr.
<i>Washington</i> “	R. R. S. Hough.....	P. V. D. Conway.
<i>Winchester</i> “	S. K. Cox.....	J. B. Clary.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	G. D. White.....	L. B. Yancey.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	T. J. Henderson.....	J. W. Woods.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	J. M. Hawley.....	J. J. Hobbs.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	C. Sydenstricker.....	M. T. Davis.

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<i>Baltimore District</i> —	T. G. Newitt.....	T. J. Owens.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	J. E. Wilson.....	J. C. Taylor.
<i>Washington</i> “	J. O. Knott.....	B. F. Mark.
<i>Winchester</i> “	J. L. Kibler.....	J. H. Ford.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	L. Butt.....	G. W. C. Kames.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	F. A. Strother.....	J. B. Burhman.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	C. H. Buchanan.....	R. W. Hill.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	W. H. Woolf... ..	J. W. Vandiver.

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<i>Baltimore District</i> —	H. M. Whaling.....	E. D. Preston.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	E. H. Dashiell.....	E. B. Magruder.
<i>Washington</i> “	J. W. Grubb.	G. R. Hill.
<i>Winchester</i> “	F. J. Prettyman.....	M. L. Walton.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	W. J. Whitesell.....	E. S. Conrad.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	H. I. Stephens.....	O. D. Batchelor.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	L. R. Markwood.....	A. E. Huddleston.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	S. A. Parker.....	A. L. Pugh.

COMMITTEES.**On Conference Relations.**

J. H. Dulany, L. G. Martin, G. T. Tyler, J. C. Thrasher, R. L. Fultz,
W. G. Hammond, T. W. Brown, W. A. Sites.

On Publishing Interests.*Clerical:**Lay:*

<i>Baltimore District</i> —	John A. Anderson.....	R. Magruder.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	E. H. Henry.....	J. M. Berry, Jr.
<i>Washington</i> “	S. G. Ferguson.....	A. L. Johnson.
<i>Winchester</i> “	J. R. Andrew	J. H. Ford.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	R. M. Wheeler.....	R. S. Griffith.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	G. O. Homan....	O. D. Batchelor.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	J. R. Van Horne.....	E. C. Bare.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	J. H. Schooley.....	M. T. Davis.

On Temperance.*Clerical :**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i> —	J. S. Engle.....	W. T. Carr.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	J. W. Mitchell.....	J. C. Taylor.
<i>Washington</i> “	J. S. Gardner.....	H. M. Woolf.
<i>Winchester</i> “	C. W. Cook....	J. B. Clary.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	T. Birley....	L. B. Yancey.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	J. T. Wightman.....	T. T. Fishburne.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	J. M. Eavey	J. J. Hobbs.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	F. M. Totten.....	T. C. Dye.

On Bible Cause.*Clerical :**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i> —	W. S. Hammond.....	T. J. Owens.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	H. T. Wirgman.....	J. M. Berry, Jr.
<i>Washington</i> “	S. V. Hildebrand.....	A. L. Johnson.
<i>Winchester</i> “	J. H. Wolff.....	J. W. McCartey.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	W. H. Marsh.....	J. T. Heard.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	S. M. Bowman.....	S. T. Mooreland.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	J. T. Maxwell	R. W. Hill.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	W. M. Waters.....	J. W. Vandiver.

Committees of Examinations.*For Admission on Trial :*

	J. A. Anderson,	C. D. Harris,	C. Sydenstricker.
<i>1st Year</i> —	J. L. Kibler,	H. I. Stephens,	C. H. Buchanan.
<i>2d Year</i> —	J. H. Light,	J. R. Van Horne,	W. P. C. Coe,
<i>3d Year</i> —	S. G. Ferguson,	L. R. Markwood,	J. S. Engle,
<i>4th Year</i> —	H. H. Kennedy,	W. H. D. Harper,	J. T. Willams.

Memoirs.

T. G. Nevitt,	C. D. Harris,	I. W. Canter,
S. K. Cox,	L. R. Jones,	W. L. Dolly,
	J. M. Hawley.	J. H. Light.

District Conference Records.

W. L. Smith,	J. H. Wells,	A. Weller,
J. F. Baggs,	J. H. Smith,	H. L. Myerly,
G. R. Mays,		J. H. Kuhlmann.

Applications for Admission on Trial for Re-admission and for Admission from other Churches.

W. H. Saunders,	J. H. Davidson,	C. B. Sutton,
B. W. Bond,	W. H. D. Harper,	W. O. Ross,
	J. R. Van Horne,	W. W. Watts.

On Collections.

W. A. M'Donald,	W. E. Miller,	J. T. Williams,
O. C. Beall,	L. R. Jones,	G. T. D. Collins,
	A. C. McNeer,	J. H. Anderson.

On Public Worship.

P. H. Whisner,	J. H. Boyd.
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On Publication of Conference Minutes.

J. E. Armstrong,	G. T. Tyler,	A. R. Martin.
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To Nominate the Place of Conference Session.

J. P. Hyde, J. T. Wightman, C. H. Buchanan, E. B. Prettyman.

To Confer with Pastor and Trustee from United Evangelical Church, Hagerstown.

Collins Denny, S. K. Cox, J. T. Williams,
Robert Magruder, T. T. Fishburne,

On the Conference Course of Study.

J. A. Kern, B. W. Bond, J. M. Hawley.

On Debt of Wesleyan Female Institute.

J. W. Woods, E. S. Conrad, M. L. Walton,
Robert Magruder, C. F. Moore, D. Bush,
T. T. Fishburne, B. W. Bond, J. R. Andrew.

To Receive and Apply Monies for the Debt of Wesleyan Female Institute.

P. H. Whisner, W. H. D. Harper, J. W. Woods.

To Canvass for Conference Minutes.

W. B. Dorsey.

To Receive and Distribute Letters.

W. H. H. Joyce.

Railroad Ticket Agent.

J. P. Hyde.

APPOINTED AT THE

Close of Conference

For 1897-8.

Joint Board of Finance.

	<i>Clerical:</i>	<i>Lay.</i>
<i>Baltimore District</i> —	L. L. Lloyd.....	E. D. Preston.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	F. T. Griffith.....	J. B. Myers, (Sec'y.)
<i>Washington</i> “	J. W. Grubb.....	W. S. Embry.
<i>Winchester</i> “	S. G. Ferguson.....	J. W. McCarty.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	W. L. Dolly.....	J. P. Houck, (Treas.)
<i>Roanoke</i> “	J. C. Jones (Pres.).....	T. T. Fishburne.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	H. A. Brown.....	A. E. Huddleston.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	W. H. Woolf	H. H. Jones.

Visitors to Valley Female College.

J. R. Andrew, J. C. Thrasher, W. H. Ballengee.

Committee on Memoirs.

W. S. Hammond, C. D. Harris, A. M. Cackley,
S. K. Cox, L. R. Jones, J. H. Davidson.
 J. M. Hawley, J. H. Light.

To Preach the Opening Sermon 1898.

W. O. Ross. Alternate: C. Sydenstricker.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 24, 1897.

THE BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, commenced its ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH Session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Staunton, Va., Wednesday morning, March 24, 1897, at 9 o'clock.

Rev. Bishop CHARLES B. GALLOWAY, D. D., President of the Conference in the chair.

Opening—The Bishop read for the lesson from the Scriptures, the fifth chapter of the Second Epistle of Peter.

The Conference united in singing hymn 228—

“And are we yet alive.”

Roll—By request of the President, Rev. James E. Armstrong, the Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll of clerical and lay members; one hundred and fifty-four clerical and twenty-one lay members responded to the call of their names. (See Roll.)

Secretary—James E. Armstrong, upon nomination, was re-elected Secretary, with the privilege of nominating his assistants, and,

Assistants—George T. Tyler, Asbury R. Martin, James P. Stump, Henry S. Coe, William M. Waters and Eldridge V. Regester were elected assistant secretaries.

The hour for meeting was appointed for 9 A. M., and for adjournment, 12.30 P. M.

The **Bar** of the Conference was fixed with a line running across the house from the centre of the circular windows.

Substitutes—Edward B. Magruder and John E. Swift were substituted on the roll of lay representatives, in the place of Thomas B. Todd and Charles H. B. Merrick from the East Baltimore District.

Boards—The several Boards, with vacancies filled upon nomination presented in writing by the Presiding Elders, were read as follows:

(See Boards &c, page 11.)

Upon nominations presented in writing by the Presiding Elders, Committees were appointed as follows:

(See Committees, page 13.)

Visitors—Rev. J. D. Barbee, D. D., Agent of the Publishing House. Rev. R. J. Bigham, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education. Rev. J. J. Tigert, D. D., Book Editor. Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday School Secretary at Nashville, Tenn., were severally introduced.

Church Extension—The Report from Rev. Dr. Morton, Church Extension Secretary, was presented, read and referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

Missions—The Report signed by Rev. H. C. Morrison and Rev. W. R. Lambuth, Missionary Secretaries, was presented, read and referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

Education—The Report of Rev. R. J. Bigham, Secretary of the Education Board was presented, read and referred to the Conference Board of Education.

Publishing House—The Report signed by Barbee and Smith, Agents of the Publishing House, at Nashville, was presented, read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

W. F. I. Debt—The Report of the Committee appointed at the last session of the Conference to take into consideration the Debt on the Wesleyan Female Institute, with an accompanying statement; also the Report of H. P. Hamill, President of the Wesleyan Female Institute, were presented and read and they were referred to the Board of Education.

Woman's F. M. Society—The Report of Mrs. L. P. Beehler, President, and also of Miss Virginia C. Massie, the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference, was presented and read, and on motion, it was ordered to be printed in the Annual Minutes.

Question Twenty of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

Presiding Elders' Reports—The several Presiding Elders, John S. Hutchinson of the Baltimore District, James E. Armstrong of the East Baltimore District, Rumsey Smithson of the Washington District, Jefferson W. Duffey of the Winchester District, Peter H. Whisner of the Rockingham District, Benjamin F. Ball of the Roanoke District, Jefferson D. Martin of the Lewisburg District, George H. Zimmerman of the Moorefield District, represented the condition of their several districts, and their characters were severally examined and passed.

Superannuates—The characters of Francis M. Mills, Nelson Head, William G. Eggleston, J. Hoffman Waugh, John W. Tongue, Robert Smith, Charles G. Linthicum, James M. Follansbee, Ephraim L. Kregelo, Francis A. Mercer, Philip S. E. Sixeas, Charles A. Joyce, Wesley Hammond, Joseph H. Temple, Aaron Boon, William Hedges, Larken H. Crenshaw, Sylvanus Townsend, Charles L. Damaron, Hamilton W. Kinzer, John O. Tackett, were examined and passed, and on motion, their names were severally referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, for a superannuated relation.

Supernumeraries—The characters of J. Newman Hank, Joseph J. Engle, Adam Q. Flaherty, Jacob S. Hopkins, were examined and passed, and on motion, their names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

The characters of Lewis H. Graybill and Fisk E. Hammond were examined and passed.

Sunday Schools—Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday School Secretary at Nashville, addressed the Conference in relation to the Sunday School work.

Question Twenty was resumed, viz: *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The characters of J. A. Anderson, H. M. Whaling, L. W. Haslup, W. S. Hammond, F. H. Shipley, J. L. Engle, F. L. Day, C. S. Stanton, W. A. McDonald, W. E. Woolf, J. H. Wilhite, A. P. Boude, T. G. Nevitt, L. L. Lloyd, W. H. Sanders, J. C. Hawk, W. Melville, H. M. Reed, J. H. Dulany, C. P. Smith, W. L. Smith, M. B. Chapman, were examined and passed.

Invitations were received from the Committee to visit the New Masonic Temple, and also from Dr. Blackford, Superintendent, to visit the State Western Hospital, and on motion, the invitations were accepted and special action deferred.

On motion, Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology, and with the Benediction by Bishop Galloway, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, March 25, 1897.

Conference met at the appointed hour.

Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by W. G. Hammond.

On Roll Call the following additional members answered to their names, viz :

Clerical: Rufus H. Wilson, Walter W. Watts, Hamilton W. Kinzer, Asbury C. McNeer, Frank A. Strother, Luke R. Markwood, John W. Mitchell, John A. Kern, James L. Henderson, Forrest J. Prettyman, Henry T. Wirgman, John S. Engle, Frank L. Day, James M. Anderson, Charles B. LeFew.

Lay Members: John E. Swift, Albertus L. Johnson, Benjamin F. Mark, Amos L. Pugh.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Question Two of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who remain on trial?*

The characters of Evan A. Edwards, William E. Henry, Charles H. Cannon, David H. Kern, John R. Jacobs, Alfred L. Harnsberger, George W. Richardson, Grayson D. Kidner, were examined and passed, and having also passed in examination before the Committee on the course of study, they were on motion severally continued on trial.

F. M. Mills—A Communication from Rev. Joseph King, Presiding Elder of the Neosho District, S. W. Missouri Conference in reference to Rev. F. M. Mills, a superannuate of this Conference, was presented and read.

Question Twenty of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?* and the characters of C. D. Harris, J. H. Wells, J. L. Shipley, A. B. Sites, W. E. Miller, J. C. Sedwick, J. H. Davidson, J. E. Wilson, T. J. Lambert, C. W. Mark, L. G. Martin, H. T. Wergman, W. P. C. Coe, N. N. Hall, E. H. Henry, F. T. Griffith, J. W. Mitchell, I. W. Canter, J. O. Knott, W. F. Licke, J. T. Williams, S. G. Ferguson, A. M. Cackley, J. W. Grubb, G. T. Tyler, R. R. S. Hough, S. B. Dolly, J. W. Beall, S. V. Hildebrand, A. Weller, C. K. Millican, H. M. Strickler, J. S. Gardner, C. E. Simmons, C. B. Sutton, D. L. Blakemore, J. L. Grant, L. Fox, S. K. Cox, W. J. Hubbard, J. C. Thrasher, J. R. Andrew, H. L. Hout, C. W. Cook, J. F. Baggs, D. Bush, J. S. Porter, T. J. Miller, H. A. Gaver, A. O. Armstrong, O. C. Beall, F. Furr, F. J. Prettyman, H. S. Coe, J. P. Stump, J. H. Wolff, J. L. Kibler, J. A. Kern, B. W. Bond, J. P. Hyde, A. A. P. Neel, J. H. Boyd, W. H. D. Harper, D. L. Reid, J. K. Gilbert, J. J. Crickenberger, G. D. White, T. Cooper, R. L. Fultz, L. Butt, W. B. Dorsey, Q. A. Wheat, C. L. Kennard, L. R. Jones, R. M. Wheeler, T. Briley, J. H. Smith, J. W. Canter, I. G. Michael, W. H. Marsh, H. P. Hamill, H. H. Kennedy, T. E. Carson, J. C. Jones, H. J. Stevens, G. T. D. Collins, W. O. Ross, J. L. Henderson, F. A. Strother, G. O. Homan, W. H. H. Joyce, J. T. Wightman, were examined and passed.

Board of Education—Rev. R. J. Bigham, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Education, addressed the Conference in relation to the cause of education.

J. T. Wightman also addressed the Conference.

Introduced—Rev. J. W. Wolling, Missionary to Brazil, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Local Deacons—*Question Ten* of the General Minutes was called, viz: *What local preachers are elected deacons?*

The recommendation of John H. Wine, from the Washington District Conference, was presented, but upon a count vote he failed to be elected—52 for, 78 against.

The recommendations of Henry Lawson, from the East Baltimore District Conference; Robert Lee Eutsler, Alfred Lewis Harnsberger, from the Rockingham District Conference; Wallace Osborne Tolbert, from the Roanoke District Conference, were presented in proper form, and, on motion, they were severally elected deacons.

Local Elders—*Question Fourteen* of the General Minutes was called, viz: *What local preachers are elected elders?*

The recommendations of David Henry Kern, from the Washington District Conference, and also of Oscar W. Lusby, from the Roanoke District Conference, each having been a local preacher for four years consecutively from the time he was ordained deacon, and both also having certified their

belief in the doctrine and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, they were, on motion, severally elected to Elders' Orders.

Visitors—Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. M. Wells, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, in this city; Rev. W. S. Campbell, Agent of Virginia State Bible Society, were introduced to the Conference.

Valley Female College—The report of the Visiting Committee of the Valley Female College, Winchester, Va., was presented, read and referred to the Board of Education.

An Invitation extended by W. O. Bowles, Esq., Superintendent, to visit the Virginia Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and of the Blind, was accepted and the time fixed for Friday, 26th inst., at 3 P. M.

Question Six of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

Transfers—The President announced the transfer of J. H. Young, from the Louisville Conference; Frank A. Tyler, from the Holston Conference, (in class of first year.)

J. W. Woods was substituted on the roll of lay representatives for J. B. Buhrman, from the Roanoke District.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology and with the Benediction by S. K. Cox, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, March 26, 1897.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by S. K. Cox.

The Roll was called, and those previously absent responded, as follows: Saul B. Dolly, Wesley Hammond, W. O. Ross, Jacob S. Hopkins.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Introductions—Rev. Harry W. Gross, Pastor of the United Evangelical Church, in Hagerstown, Md., Brother C. D. Lowry, a trustee of the same church, were introduced to the Conference.

United Evangelical Church at Hagerstown, Md.—Brother Gross addressed the Conference, proposing, in behalf of himself and of his congregation, union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the transfer of their church property to the Baltimore Conference.

On motion, a *Committee of five* consisting of Collins Denny, S. K. Cox, J. T. Williams, Robert Magruder, T. T. Fishburne was appointed to confer with Brothers Gross and Lowry in relation to the transfer of the United Evangelical Church at Hagerstown, Md., to this Conference.

The Committee was, on motion, permitted to retire.

Question Eight of the General Minutes was called, viz: *What travelling preachers are elected deacons?*

Traveling Deacons—The characters of Charles D. Bulla, George H. Echols, M. Preston Weikel, were examined and passed, and having also passed in examination on the course of study, they were, on motion, severally elected deacons.

Question Seven, *Who are the Deacons of one year?*

Deacons of One Year—The characters of Eldridge V. Regester, Levi B. Atkins, William Stevens, were examined and passed, and having also passed in examination on the Course of Study, they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

The characters of James M. Anderson, Charles W. Moore, Frederick A. Gains, Daniel M. Brown, Courtland P. Smith, Linwood Hammond, were examined and passed, but having not passed in examination on the Course of Study, they were, on motion, continued in the class of the third year, under question four.

Question Sixteen—*Who are located this year?*

Located—The character of Edward H. Dashiell was examined and passed, and on motion, he was granted a location at his own request.

Question Twelve—*What travelling preachers are elected Elders*

Traveling Elders—The characters of William J. Whitesell, Frank L. Day, were examined and passed, and having also passed in examination on the Course of Study, on motion, they were severally elected Elders.

The characters of B. Lee Parrot, Harrah M. Reed, James H. Smith, Henry A. Wilson, Homer T. Hieronimus, W. White Newberry, were examined and passed, but not having passed in examination on the Course of Study, they were continued in the class of the fourth year, under question seven.

On motion, the selection of the place of the next session of the Conference was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

Randolph-Macon—*Report No. 1, of the Board of Education*, referring to Randolph-Macon Colleges and Academies, was presented and read.

Dr. W. W. Smith, Dr. J. A. Kern, E. D. Newman, Dr. B. W. Bond, severally addressed the Conference.

On motion, Report No. 1 was adopted.

Paine and Lane—*Report No. 2*, having reference to Paine and Lane Institute, was presented and read, and on motion, it was adopted.

Transfer of U. E. Church at Hagerstown—The following report was presented and read, and, on motion, was adopted:

The committee appointed to confer with Rev. H. W. Gross and Mr. C. D. Lowry in relation to the transfer of the Evangelical Church of Hagerstown, Md., to the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, respectfully recommends: That a committee, consisting of Bishop Wilson and the Presiding Elders of the Baltimore and Winchester Districts, be appointed, with power to act for the Conference, to consult with the Pastor and Trustees of the Evangelical Church of Hagerstown, Md., that such changes may be made in the articles of incor-

poration of said Evangelical Church as the law of Maryland may permit, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to bring said church into the same relation to the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as is sustained by other churches in Maryland.

SAMUEL K. COX,

Secretary.

COLLINS DENNY,

Chairman.

Question Thirteen of the General Minutes: *What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?*

H. W. Gross Admitted—The application of Harry W. Gross, an ordained Elder in the Evangelical Church, for admission into full connection into the Conference, was presented.

The Conference having been satisfied with the gifts, grace and usefulness of Harry W. Gross, and after examination by the Bishop before the Conference as to his agreement with us in doctrines and discipline, and having taken upon himself our ordination vows, he was, on motion, admitted into full connection as an Elder, according to the provision of the Discipline, paragraph 176.

Publishing House—Dr. J. D. Barbee, Agent of the *Publishing House*, at Nashville, Tenn., addressed the Conference in regard to its work.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Lafferty addressed the Conference with reference to the *Baltimore Christian Advocate*.

The Report of the Committee on Conference Relations was presented and read as follows:

The Committee on Conference Relations beg leave to recommend the following brethren for the superannuated relation: F. M. Mills, Nelson Head, Wm. G. Eggleston, J. M. Follansbee, Charles G. Linthicum, J. H. Waugh, John W. Tongue, Robert Smith, Wesley Hammond, Charles A. Joyce, F. A. Mercer, E. L. Kregelo, Joseph H. Temple, Aaron Boon, Wm. Hedges, Larkin H. Crenshaw, Sylvanus Townsend, Hamilton W. Kinzer, Charles L. Dameron, John O. Tackett. For the supernumerary relation: J. Newman Hank, Adam Q. Flaherty, Joseph J. Engle, Jacob S. Hopkins.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HAMMOND,

Secretary.

J. H. DULANY,

Chairman.

Question Seventeen of the General Minutes: *Who are supernumerary?*

Supernumeraries—The vote was taken in the cases recommended in the report of the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation, and it was granted them.

Question Eighteen: *Who are superannuated?*

Superannuates—The vote was taken in the cases recommended in the Report of the Committee on Conference Relations, for a superannuated relation, and it was granted them.

Bible—Rev. W. S. Campbell, Agent of the Virginia State Bible Society, addressed the Conference in the interest of that cause.

Report of *Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D.*, Secretary of the Epworth League, was presented and referred to the Epworth League Board.

Colportage—The Report of the Board of Colportage, was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

The name of *H. A. Gaver* was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation.

Visitors—Rev. J. W. Hampton of the Western Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, Rev. G. W. Finley, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology, and with the Benediction by H. W. Gross, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, March 27, 1897.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by J. L. Shipley.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

District Conference Records—The Report of the Committee on District Conference Records was presented and read, and on motion, it was adopted.

Bible Cause—The Report of the Committee on the Bible Cause, was presented and read, and on motion, it was adopted.

Epworth Leagues—The Report of the Epworth League Board was presented and read.

On motion, Conference determined to vote on the report section by section.

Section 1 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Section 2 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Section 3 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Section 4 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Section 5 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Section 6 was read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole was adopted.

Substitute—J. W. Woods, alternate lay delegate from the Roanoke District, was substituted for J. B. Buhrman.

Admitted on Trial—*The First Question* of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are admitted on trial?*

The recommendations of George William Bogle, William Hinkle Best, from the Baltimore District Conference; Henry Lawson, from the East Baltimore District Conference; Ernest Lee Woolf, Harry Marvin Canter, Howard Agassiz Murrill, from the Washington District Conference; Robert Lee Eutsler, from the Rockingham District Conference; Daniel Wycliff Griffin, from the Moorefield District Conference, were presented in due form, and having passed in examination before the Committee on

the Course of Study, and having been recommended by the Committee on Applications, they were severally admitted on trial.

Question Twenty of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The characters of W. T. Gover, H. L. Myerly, W. G. Hammond, W. L. Dolly, S. M. Bowman, C. B. LeFew, Collins Denny, T. W. Brown, O. F. Burgess, H. M. Roane, H. A. Brown, G. R. Mays, J. M. Hawley, A. C. McNeer, R. H. Wilson, were examined and passed.

Question Five *Who are re-admitted?*

Re-admitted—The recommendation of Oscar W. Lusby, from the Roanoke District Conference, was presented in proper form, and, on motion, he was re-admitted in the class of the third year, question seven.

Question Seven—*Who are the deacons of one year?*

Admission from M. E. Church—The application of Charles L. Lynch, an ordained deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented.

The Conference having been satisfied with the gifts, grace and usefulness of Brother Charles L. Lynch, and with his agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, it being understood that he will take upon him our ordination vows without the reimposition of hands, he was, on motion, admitted into full connection in the class of the fourth year, according to the provisions of the discipline. Paragraph 176, answer 3.

Place of Next Session—*Question Forty* of the General Minutes. *Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?*

The committee to nominate the place of the next session reported invitations from two places, viz: Charles Town, West Virginia, and Hinton, West Virginia. Hinton having received a majority of the votes cast, on motion the vote was made unanimous.

Admission into Full Connection—*Question Four* of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are admitted into full connection?*

The characters of John H. Dills, William D. Keene, John B. Henry, Homer H. Sherman, Josiah J. Ringer, Charles F. Moore, were examined and passed, and also Charles D. Bulla, George M. Echols, M. Preston Weikle, whose characters were previously passed.

The questions prescribed by the discipline asked with earnest and practical emphases by Bishop Galloway, were answered affirmatively, and they were admitted into full connection.

Rev. E. E. Hoss, Editor of the Christian Advocate at Nashville, Tenn., was introduced, and addressed the Conference in reference to our periodicals.

Death of Rev. J. H. Temple—The death of our brother, Rev. Joseph H. Temple, at 10.15 A. M. to-day, at his residence in Churchville, Va., was announced by the Secretary of the Conference

Leave of Absence—P. H. Whisner and J. H. Boyd were granted leave of absence to attend the funeral services of brother Temple, at his home, on Monday next, 11 A. M.

H. H. Kennedy and J. S. Engle were granted leave of absence on Monday next.

On motion, the time of the Conference was extended.

The Report of the Woman's Parsonage Aid and Home Mission Society, was presented and referred to the Board of Church Extension.

Conference, on motion, fixed the hour of *Memorial Service* for our brethren who have died during the year, for Monday morning, at 11 o'clock.

Rev. J. J. Tigert, D. D., Book Editor at Nashville, addressed the Conference in reference to the department under his supervision.

An invitation from Wm. A. Grubert, Secretary of the Stonewall Brigade Band, to attend a Musical Concert at the Opera House, on Monday next at 4.30 P. M. was, on motion, accepted with thanks.

On motion, Conference determined to visit the Virginia State Western Hospital at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology and with the Benediction by J. H. Waugh, to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, March 29, 1897.

Conference met according to appointment.

Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by B. W. Bond.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Substitute—George R. Curry, an alternate lay delegate from the Roanoke District, was substituted for E. C. Bare

Question Nine—*What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?*

Question Ten—*What local preachers are ordained deacons?*

Bishop's Certificate of Ordination Deacons—In answer to these questions the Bishop presented the following: This is to certify that on Sunday, March 28, 1897, in the Methodist Church, in Staunton, Va., after the morning sermon, I ordained the following deacons: Traveling preachers: George H. Echols, M. Preston Weikle, Charles D. Bulla. Local preachers, Henry Lawson, Alfred L. Harnsberger, Robert Lee Eutsler, Wallace O. Tolbert.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY.

STAUNTON, VA., March 29, 1897.

Bishop's Certificate of Ordination of Elders—*Question Thirteen: What travelling preachers are ordained elders?*

Question Fifteen: What local preachers are ordained elders?

In answer to these questions, the Bishop presented the following:

This is to certify, that on the evening of March 28, 1897, in the Methodist Church at Staunton, after a sermon by Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss, I ordained the following elders:

Travelling preachers : William J. Whitesell, Frank L. Day.

Local preachers : David Henry Kern, Oscar W. Lusby.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY,

STAUNTON, VA., March 29, 1897.

Missions—The Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions, J. E. Alexander, presented and read his report.

Question Thirty-One: *What has been contributed for missions?*

The Treasurer announced for Foreign Missions, \$10,478. For Domestic Missions, \$6,146.

The report of J. L. Shipley, Secretary of the Board of Missions, was presented.

Question Twenty—*Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The characters of L. R. Markwood, A. C. Hamill, J. W. McNeil, C. H. Buchanan, J. R. Van Horne, H. D. Bishop, J. M. Eavey were examined and passed.

The character of J. T. Maxwell was examined and passed, and, on motion, his name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation.

The characters of D. F. Eutsler, C. M. Sarver, W. M. Waters, A. R. Martin, J. H. Light, J. H. Kuhlmann, J. H. Schooley, C. Sydenstricker, S. A. Parker, W. A. Sites, W. W. Watts, W. H. Ballengee, D. M. Brown, W. H. Woolf, F. M. Totten were examined and passed.

Examinations in the Course of Study—The following resolutions were presented and read:

1. *Resolved*, That the several Committees of Examination on the Conference Course of Study, with the exception of the Committee of Examination for Admission on Trial, be requested to conduct their examinations in writing.

2. That said committees be requested to devise some way by correspondence, or otherwise, by which examinations may in part be completed before the convening of the Annual Conference.

WM. STEVENS,
J. HARRY SMITH,
C. F. MOORE.

On motion, the resolutions were referred to the following committee: J. A. Kern, B. W. Bond, J. M. Hawley, to consider and report upon them.

Conference History—J. E. Armstrong addressed the Conference in relation to the work committed to him of writing a history of Methodism in the Baltimore Conference.

Bishop Galloway made an address on the same subject.

Education—Report No. 3 of the Board of Education was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

On motion, Conference determined that when it adjourn, it adjourn to meet in executive session this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Report No. 1, of the Joint Board of Finance was presented and read by the Treasurer, J. P. Houck.

Superannuated Fund—*Question Twenty-nine: What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?*

The Treasurer of the Joint Board announced the amount \$12,000.

Question Thirty: *What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?*

The Treasurer of the Joint Board announced:

Amount from Assessments.....	\$8,587
“ “ the Publishing House	847
“ “ “ Corporate Board of Finance.....	1,200
Total,	<u>\$10,634</u>

(For application see Tables.)

Bishops' Fund—*Question Thirty-five: What has been contributed for the support of the Bishops?*

The Treasurer of the Joint Board announced the amount contributed for the support of the Bishops \$2,007.

Temperance—The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Memoirs—*Question Nineteen: What preachers have died this year?*

The memoir of Joshua Marsden Grandin not being ready, James S. Gardner addressed the Conference in relation to the life and character of our Brother Grandin.

The memoir of John Wesley Boteler was presented and read by J. O. Knott.

Suitable addresses were delivered by J. C. Jones, G. T. Tyler and S. K. Cox, in token of their high appreciation of the qualities and work of our Brother Boteler.

The memoir of Robert Ross was read by J. H. Light.

R. R. S. Hough bore testimony to the character and life of our Brother Ross.

The memoir of Jos. H. Temple not being ready, J. K. Gilbert, J. E. Armstrong and T. T. Fishburne expressed their high estimate of the character of their personal friend and brother, Joseph H. Temple.

On motion, resolved, that the memoirs of Brothers Grandin and Temple be prepared for publication in the Annual Minutes by the members of the Committee on Memoirs in the respective districts where these brethren resided.

A memorial resolution was presented and read by S. K. Cox in reference to the death of Brother J. W. Numsen, a layman of St. Paul's, in the city of Baltimore.

B. F. Ball, H. M. Whaling, W. H. D. Harper, R. Magruder, J. T. Wightman paid loving tributes to the memory of our Brother Numsen.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology and with the Benediction by J. W. Tongue.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, March 29.

Conference met at the appointed hour.

Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by J. M. Hawley.

The journal of this morning was read approved.

Education W. F. I.—Report No. 4 from the Board of Education was presented and read.

On motion, a committee of nine was appointed to take into consideration the Report No. 4 of the Board of Education, as follows:

J. W. Woods, E. S. Conrad, M. L. Walton, Robert Magruder, C. F. Moore, D. Bush, T. T. Fishburne, B. W. Bond, J. R. Andrew.

Conference Relations—Report No. 2 of the Committee on Conference Relations was presented and read as follows:

The Committee begs leave to report H. A. Gaver and J. T. Maxwell recommended for the superannuated relation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HAMMOND, Secretary,

J. H. DULANY, Chairman.

Superannuates—*Question Eighteen: Who are superannuated?*

The vote was taken in the cases of H. A. Gaver and J. T. Maxwell, and they were granted a superannuated relation.

Conference adjourned with the Benediction by J. S. Gardner, to meet o-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 30, 1897.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by R. R. S. Hough.

The Journal of yesterday afternoon was read and approved.

Questions of the General Minutes were called, viz: Twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine.

For answers see questions of the General Minutes, pages 12 and 13.

Church Extension—The report of the Board of Church Extension was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension was presented and read.

Debt of W. F. I.—The Committee of Nine, to whom was referred Report No. 4 of the Board of Education on the debt of the Wesleyan Female Institute, reported as follows:

Touching the matter referred, your committee, after a careful consideration of all plans and suggestions, unanimously recommend:

First. That a collection be forthwith taken up in the Conference, either in cash or valid subscription, payable on or before September 1, 1897, the proceeds of which shall be applied to the discharge of such part of the indebtedness of the old Board of Trustees of Wesleyan Female Institute as may remain, after deducting the amount realized from the sale of the real and personal estate connected with said institute.

Second. That, after the application of such amounts as may be realized from said sale and collection, if there be any remaining indebtedness, the preachers of the Conference shall appeal to the members and friends of the Church in their respective charges, and shall make an earnest and faithful endeavor to raise, by private or public collections, or both, as large an amount as possible, to be used in the liquidation of said remaining indebtedness; and it shall further be made the special duty of each Presiding Elder in the Conference, or such person as he may designate, to see that such appeal is made in good faith to the people of each charge in his district, and also to bring the matter to the attention of his District Conference.

C. F. MOORE,
Secretary.

DAVID BUSH,
Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Japanese Lunch Box, in behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference, was presented to Bishop Galloway by J. P. Stump.

Bishop Galloway responded in happy terms.

The following resolution was presented and read, and on motion, it was adopted:

Bishop Galloway—Wishing to give expression to the great pleasure and profit we have derived from this the first visit of our honored Bishop Charles B. Galloway to the Baltimore Annual Conference, therefore, be it resolved, that we will always hail with pleasure, his coming, and assure him of our sincere prayers that the "Great Head of the Church" may vouchsafe to him many years of usefulness, in the high and responsible position to which he has been called, and which he so faithfully and ably fills.

JOHN P. HYDE,
J. S. GARDNER,

J. H. BOYD,

SAMUEL K. COX,
W. H. D. HARPER.

Debt W. F. I.—On motion, a Committee of three, consisting of P. H. Whisner, W. H. D. Harper and J. W. Woods, was appointed to receive and apply moneys subscribed for the payment of the debt on the Wesleyan Female Institute.

In accordance with the provision made in the resolutions of the Committee of nine on the debt of the Wesleyan Female Institute, a collection was taken up amounting to, unconditional, \$1,420, conditional, \$2,200. Total, \$3,200.

On motion, it was ordered that the amount collected in each pastoral charge, be reported in a foot note, at the next session of the Conference.

Joint Board—Report No. 2 of the Joint Board of Finance, was presented and read.

It was moved and seconded, that the name of L. H. Crenshaw, be added to the list of claimants.

The vote being taken, the motion failed.

Thanks—The following resolutions were presented and read, and, on motion, they were adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of Staunton and vicinity for their cordial reception and generous entertainment of the members during the present session, and that we assure them that we will hold them in affectionate remembrance and pray that the blessing of Heaven may ever abide upon all their homes. And—

Resolved further, That we appreciate the courtesy and kindness of those ministers who tendered the use of their churches and otherwise contributed to the comfort and convenience of the members of the Conference, likewise of the Masonic fraternity and Young Men's Christian Association for the use of their comfortable rooms, which facilitated in no small degree the work of the Conference.

JOHN P. HYDE,
W. H. D. HARPER,

SAMUEL K. COX,
C. H. BUCHANAN.

Resolved, That we tender hereby our thanks to the various lines of railroads that have given to the delegates and visitors reduced rates of transportation to and from the present session of the Conference, and to the reporters of the *Baltimore Sun*, *Richmond Dispatch*, *Southern Associated Press*, *Staunton Daily News* and *Baltimore Herald*, for their full and accurate reports.

JOHN P. HYDE, C. H. BUCHANAN.

Resolution of Thanks—*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due Rev. J. P. Hyde for his very efficient and painstaking service in procuring reduced rates on the various railroads for members and visitors of this Conference, and that he be respectfully requested to continue in this capacity.

W. G. HAMMOND,
L. BUTT,
W. A. McDONALD,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be extended to the officials of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and for the Blind, the Western State Hospital and the Wesleyan Female Institute, for their kind invitation to visit the several institutions, and the delightful entertainments enjoyed upon the several occasions.

F. A. STROTHER,
W. J. HUBBARD,
J. P. STUMP.

G. D. WHITE,
J. C. THRASHER,

Examinations on the Course of Study—The Committee to which was referred the paper in regard to the Examining Committees, was presented and read, and on motion, it was adopted, as follows:

•*Resolved*, That all examinations on the Course of Study, except the examination for admission on trial, shall hereafter be conducted in writing.

Resolved also, That the Examining Committees be requested to hold their first meeting, as far as practicable, on the day before the opening of the

Annual Conference.

J. M. HAWLEY,
Secretary,

J. A. KERN,
Chairman.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered to the "Stonewall Band," for the delightful entertainment given the members and visitors to the Conference, and that we assure them of our appreciation of the excellent music rendered on that occasion.

J. P. HYDE,
W. M. WATERS,

J. P. STUMP,
F. A. STROTHER.

The Secretary of the Corporate Board of Finance, presented his report, which was read and accepted.

Report No. 2, Epworth League Board, was presented and read, and on motion, it was adopted.

On motion, a Collection was ordered for Conference Stationery, &c amounting to \$18.72.

On motion, Conference determined that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On motion, Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology and with the Benediction by T. E. Carson, to meet this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, March 30, 1897.

Conference met at the appointed hour.

Bishop Galloway in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by J. S. Gardner.

The Journal of this morning was read and approved.

A Collection for the Sexton was taken up, amounting to \$25.66.

Thanks to W. H. H. Joyce—On motion, resolved that the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby tendered to our faithful and efficient Conference postmaster, Rev. W. H. H. Joyce.

C. F. MOORE, J. H. BOYD.

To J. H. Boyd—On motion, the thanks of the Conference were extended to Rev. J. H. Boyd, D. D., for the ample accommodations furnished for the use of the several boards and committees during the session.

Moneys for W. F. I.—On motion, the committee of three appointed this morning to receive any moneys subscribed for the debt of the Wesleyan Female Institute was empowered to ascertain the indebtedness.

Question Three: *Who are discontinued?* Ans. None.

The President presented the following nominations by the Presiding Elders, and on motion, they were confirmed by a vote of the Conference (See Boards &c, page 15.)

Question Forty-one of the General Minutes: *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

Conference united in singing Hymn 234,

"And let our bodies part."

Bishop Galloway, after a pertinent and earnest address, announced the appointments, as follows:

(See Appointments.)

The Doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned without a day, with the Benediction by Bishop Galloway.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Conference Board of Missions has furnished financial help in a small degree; and yet, in such a measure as was necessary to properly man the fields cultivated, and give a bare support to the laborers therein. No fund is more judiciously or more carefully administered than the sum contributed for Domestic Missions; and the chief regret is, that the means within the control of the Board is so limited, as to prevent it from devising more liberally for those brethren who must look to it for needed material support for themselves and families. There is no body of men more heroic and devoted, and hence more deserving of the money received from the treasury of the Board.

The following summary of facts and results for the year, will vindicate the appropriations made by the Board to the charges under its care for the past year:

Members, 13,743; net increase of members, 644; Sunday Schools, 186; Officers and teachers, 1,576; scholars, 10,784; churches, 169; value of churches, \$218,725; paid on ministerial support, \$20,342; paid on foreign missions, \$1,376; paid on domestic missions, \$824.

The subjoined charges received aid from the Board. Brunswick, Wilkens' Avenue, Frederick Avenue, Caernarvon, North Baltimore, Roland Park, Easton and Caroline, Charles, East Harford, Church Hill, West River, Hillsboro, Marvin, West Washington, Hillsboro Mission, Manassas, Sudley, Warrenton, Stafford, Morrisville, Fauquier, Alexandria Mission, White Post, Warren, Page, Linden, Jefferson, Fairfield, Bells' Valley, New Market, Mt. Jackson, New Hope, East Rockingham, Marksville, West Augusta, Rockbridge, Baths, Grace, Bethany, Buena Vista, Rockbridge, Collierstown, Elliston, New Castle, Catawba, Roanoke Circuit, Alleghany, Millboro, Gilletts, Hot Springs, Alvon, Talcott, Greenville, Green Sulphur, Greenbank, Petersburg, Franklin, Morgan, Gainsboro, Wardensville, Crab Bottom and Listonburg.

J. L. SHIPLEY, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Assessments and Payments, with Percentage of Payments for 1896 and 1897.

DISTRICTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		Percentage.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		Percentage.
	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	
Baltimoree.....	\$2,353 00	\$1,808 00	76.8	\$1,476 00	\$1,076 00	72.9
East Baltimore.....	1,863 00	1,138 00	61.	1,168 00	665 00	56.9
Washington	2,485 00	2,041 00	82.1	1,558 00	1,260 00	80.7
Winchester.....	1,903 00	1,441 00	75.7	1,194 00	800 00	67
Rockingham.....	1,461 00	1,126 00	77.7	917 00	636 00	69.3
Roanoke.....	1,851 00	1,321 27	71.3	1,161 00	752 00	64.7
Lewisburg.....	1,242 00	772 00	62.1	779 00	474 00	60.9
Moorefield.....	1,342 00	828 00	61.7	842 00	453 00	53.8
Total.....	\$14,500 00	\$10,475 27	72.2	\$9,095 00	\$6,116 00	62.7

Average percentage—Foreign, 71; Domestic, 65.7

*Receipts from Subscriptions to Special Collections for Domestic Missions, at the
Conference of March, 1896, Roanoke, Va.*

Rev. J. T. Williams	\$ 5 00
Rev. D. H. Kern... ..	5 00
Edward Kendall.....	10 00
J. E. Alexander.....	10 00
	<u>\$ 30 00</u>

Amount unpaid on this subscription list, \$38.

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1895-'96 AND
1896-'97.

DISTRICTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.			
	1895-'96.	1896-'97.	Increase.	Decrease.
Baltimore.....	\$1,862 50	\$1,808 00	.....	\$54 50
East Baltimore.....	1,186 00	1,138 00	.....	48 00
Washington.....	1,923 00	2,041 00	\$118 00	.....
Winchester.....	1,375 00	1,441 00	66 00	.....
Rockingham.....	1,115 00	1,126 00	11 00	.....
Roanoke.....	1,321 05	1,321 00	.....	05
Lewisburg.....	830 00	772 00	.....	58 00
Moorefield.....	826 00	828 00	2 00	.....
Total.....			197 00 160 55	\$160 55
Net.....			\$36 45	
	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.			
	1895-'96.	1896-'97.	Increase.	Decrease.
Baltimore.....	\$1,088 00	\$1,076 00	.....	\$12 00
East Baltimore.....	704 00	665 00	.....	39 00
Washington.....	1,177 00	1,260 00	\$83 00	.....
Winchester.....	771 00	800 00	29 00	.....
Rockingham.....	619 00	636 00	17 00	.....
Roanoke.....	759 00	752 00	.....	7 00
Lewisburg.....	420 00	474 00	54 00	.....
Moorefield.....	422 00	453 00	31 00	.....
Total.....			\$214 00 58 00	\$58 00
Net Increase Domestic.			\$156 00	
“ “ Foreign..			36 45	
Total increase.....			\$192 45	

ASSESSMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1896 AND 1897.

APPOINTMENTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
BALTIMORE DISTRICT.				
Central and Caernarvon.....	\$216	\$216	\$135	\$135
St. Paul's and Wilkens' Ave....	300	300	188	188
Emmanuel.....	196	148	123	96
Frederick Avenue.....	59	15	37	7
Arlington and Sudbrook.....	150	150	94	94
Reisterstown.....	89	80	56	46
Freedom.....	150	95	94	55
Linganore.....	131	50	82	44
Frederick City.....	52	52	33	33
Brunswick.....	16	16	10	10
Rockville.....	203	203	127	127
Gaithersburg.....	124	96	78	40
Montgomery.....	150	75	94	37
Beltsville.....	53	42	33	20
Hyattsville.....	104	55	66	27
Emory.....	65	42	41	22
Wesley Grove.....	118	83	74	41
Laurel.....	40	25	25	12
Patuxent.....	85	45	53	30
Forrest Grove.....	52	20	33	12
	\$2,353	\$1,808	\$1,476	\$1,076
EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.				
Trinity.....	\$320	\$320	\$199	\$199
Calvary.....	132	132	82	82
North Baltimore.....	61	62	39	39
Taylor's and Roland Park.....	80	50	50	35
West Harford.....	46	47	29	29
East Harford.....	88	20	54	12
Kent.....	88	30	54	18
Queen Anne's.....	97	97	61	28
Church Hill.....	94	15	58	12
Hillsboro'.....	66	18	42	10
Easton and Caroline.....	102	35	67	30
Trappe.....	81	18	51	7
Royal Oak.....	64	35	41	23
Severn.....	82	24	51	11
Chesapeake.....	94	66	58	37
West River.....	46	24	30	15
Calvert.....	129	70	79	25
Prince Georges'.....	88	44	54	27
Charles.....	63	10	40	10
St. Mary's.....	42	21	29	16
	\$1,863	\$1,138	\$1,168	\$665

ASSESSMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1896 AND 1897.

APPOINTMENTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
WASHINGTON DISTRICT.				
Mt. Vernon Pl. and W. Washingt'n.	\$ 326	\$ 326	\$ 206	\$ 206
Epworth.....	103	103	62	62
Marvin	91	91	56	56
Alexandria and Mission	251	251	157	157
Fredericksburg.....	162	162	102	102
Falls Church	126	126	80	80
Leesburg.	126	70	80	45
Loudoun.....	171	175	108	108
Hamilton.....	113	47	70	25
Hillsboro.....	126	40	80	10
Middleburg.....	113	45	70	30
Sterling	107	98	67	57
Fairfax.....	102	102	63	63
Marshall.....	126	110	80	60
Warrenton.....	102	62	63	44
Occoquan.....	78	78	49	47
{ Sudley	69	50	42	25
{ Manassas	46	35	29	24
Fauquier.....	66	45	41	40
Stafford	42	15	27	10
Morrisville	39	10	26	9
	\$2,485	\$2,041	\$1,558	\$1,260
WINCHESTER DISTRICT.				
Winchester.....	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 125	\$ 100
Frederick	66	48	44	15
Stephen City.....	114	75	71	35
Middletown.....	100	100	63	63
Strasburg.....	55	55	34	34
Woodstock.....	131	131	82	82
Edinburg	65	10	40	5
Front Royal and Riverton.....	142	142	89	89
Warren.....	55	28	35	18
Linden.....	56	25	35	10
Page	71	11	44	4
White Post.....	71	25	44	14
Berryville	100	80	63	36
Brucetown	100	50	63	30
Darksville.....	85	70	53	30
Martinsburg.....	120	120	76	76
Berkeley... ..	75	38	47	24
Charles Town.....	113	113	71	71
Jefferson	71	57	44	25
Shepherdstown.....	113	63	71	39
	\$1,903	\$1,441	\$1,194	\$800

ASSESSMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1896 AND 1897.

APPOINTMENTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.				
Staunton.....	\$203	\$203	\$127	\$127
Harrisonburg.....	136	150	85	100
Bridgewater.....	149	165	94	100
Parnassus.....	68	51	43	23
West Augusta.....	35	9	21	5
Augusta.....	68	68	43	43
Waynesboro.....	88	55	55	10
New Hope.....	61	25	38	15
Rockingham.....	57	25	36	15
E. Rockingham.....	68	53	43	29
Elkton.....	75	40	49	10
Port Republic.....	61	24	38	15
Shenandoah.....	68	68	43	27
Luray.....	69	69	43	43
New Market.....	43	37	26	16
Mt. Jackson.....	40	15	25	9
Marksville.....	40	40	25	25
Fairfield.....	68	12	43	10
Rockbridge Baths.....	34	3	21	5
Bell's Valley.....	30	14	19	9
	\$1,461	\$1,126	\$917	\$636
ROANOKE DISTRICT.				
Salem.....	\$143	\$143 00	\$89	\$89
Greene Memorial.....	214	214 00	134	134
Trinity.....	100	100 00	63	63
St. James.....	87	87 00	53	53
Grace.....	61	61 00	38	38
Roanoke Circuit.....	86	55 00	53	16
Vinton.....	87	66 00	53	38
Bethany.....	71	34 00	45	13
James River.....	87	20 00	54	15
Fincastle.....	87	50 00	54	30
Botetourt.....	87	60 00	54	30
Buena Vista and Rockbridge ..	142	63 00	91	38
Lexington.....	127	127 00	80	80
Collierstown.....	56	6 00	37	8
Elliston.....	55	35 00	36	16
Christiansburg.....	100	57 27	63	25
Blacksburg.....	76	76 00	49	22
Newport.....	87	42 00	53	23
New Castle.....	56	9 00	36	8
Catawba.....	42	16 00	26	13
	\$1,851	\$1,356 27	\$1,161	\$752

ASSESSMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1896 AND 1897.

APPOINTMENTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
LEWISBURG DISTRICT.				
Lewisburg.....	\$ 93	\$ 94	\$ 58	\$ 59
Frankford.....	98	47	61	45
Blue Sulphur.....	49	27	31	20
Green Sulphur.....	22	7	14	6
Hinton.....	98	75	61	35
Talcott.....	44	5	28	4
Alderson.....	76	37	47	16
Greenville.....	71	15	45	10
Union.....	76	58	47	33
Ronceverte and White Sulphur..	84	42	53	20
Alvon.....	26	10	17	8
Alleghany.....	31	16	19	15
Covington.....	98	98	61	61
Clifton Forge.....	93	93	58	25
Millboro.....	26	24	17	8
Levelton.....	89	45	56	55
Huntersville.....	44	34	28	21
Green Bank.....	67	18	43	16
Gilletts.....	26	11	17	5
Hot Springs.....	31	16	19	12
	\$1,242	\$772	\$779	\$474
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.				
Moorefield.....	\$ 96	\$ 55	\$ 65	\$ 30
Petersburg.....	46	14	28	10
Franklin.....	68	34	48	24
Crab-Bottom.....	62	16	32	8
Keyser.....	85	85	55	35
Elk Garden.....	58	43	28	21
Piedmont.....	80	80	53	53
Frostburg.....	55	25	35	15
Flintstone.....	65	25	42	22
Romney.....	100	100	65	65
Springfield.....	90	75	57	40
Slanesville.....	60	27	41	16
Hardy.....	52	21	30	13
Morgan.....	50	7	30	5
Gainsboro.....	60	13	43	12
Wardensville.....	50	16	30	16
Capon Bridge.....	70	70	40	40
Listonburg.....	50	32	25	10
Monterey.....	75	40	50	10
McDowell.....	70	50	45	8
	\$1,342	\$828	\$842	\$453

DISBURSEMENTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Allowed.	Paid.
BALTIMORE DISTRICT.		
Wilkens Avenue, L. W. Haslup.....	\$200	\$132 00
Caernarvon, W. H. Best	200	132 00
Frederick Avenue, F. H. Shipley.....	50	33 00
Brunswick, A. P. Boude.....	500	330 00
	\$950	\$627 00
EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.		
North Baltimore, J. H. Wells.....	\$250	\$165 00
Taylor's and Roland Park, E. H. Dashiell ..	125	82 50
East Harford, W. E. Miller ..	200	132 00
Church Hill, J. E. Wilson.....	150	99 00
Hillsboro, T. J. Lambert.....	150	99 00
Easton and Caroline, { E. V. Regester..	75	49 50
{ I. Christopher.....	75	49 50
West River, N. N. Hall.....	100	66 00
Charles, J. W. Mitchell..	200	132 00
	\$1,325	\$874 50
WASHINGTON DISTRICT.		
West Washington, J. W. Beall	\$300	\$198 00
Epworth, J. O. Knott.....	75	49 50
Marvin, W. F. Locke.....	200	132 00
Alexandria and Mission, D. H. Kern.....	200	132 00
Hillsboro, H. A. Murrill	100	66 00
Warrenton, J. S. Gardner.	100	66 00
Sudley, { C. B. Sutton.....	125	82 50
Manassas, { D. L. Blakemore	150	99 00
Fauquier, J. L. Grant	100	66 00
Stafford, L. Fox.....	125	82 50
Morrisville, E. J. Hopkins.....	100	66 00
	\$1,575	\$1,039 50
WINCHESTER DISTRICT.		
Warren, { J. S. Porter.....	\$150	\$71 84
{ J. W. Reeves		27 16
Linden, F. A. Gains	150	99 00
Page, T. J. Miller.....	125	82 50
White Post, H. A. Gaver.....	150	99 00
Jefferson, J. H. Wolff.....	100	66 00
	\$675	\$445 50

DISBURSEMENTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Allowed.	Paid.
ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.		
West Augusta, J. J. Crickenberger.....	\$175	\$115 50
New Hope, Thos. Cooper.	50	33 00
East Rockingham, L. Butt	100	66 00
New Market, R. M. Wheeler,.....	200	132 00
Mt. Jackson, T. Briley.....	200	132 00
Marksville, J. A. Smith.....	200	132 00
Fairfield, J. W. Canter.....	75	49 50
Rockbridge Baths, I. G. Michael.....	150	99 00
Bell's Valley, W. H. Marsh..	175	115 50
	\$1,325	\$874 50
ROANOKE DISTRICT.		
Grace, C. D. Bulla.....	\$150	\$99 00
Roanoke Circuit, H. A. Wilson.....	100	66 00
Bethany, W. O. Ross.....	150	99 00
Buena Vista and } W. H. H. Joyce.....	100	66 00
Rockbridge, } W. O. Talbert.....	100	66 00
Collierstown, W. T. Gover	100	66 00
Elliston, H. L. Myerly	75	49 50
New Castle, S. M. Bowman.....	200	132 00
Catawba, C. B. Le Few.....	150	99 00
	\$1,125	\$742 50
LEWISBURG DISTRICT.		
Green Sulphur, M. P. Weikle.....	\$100	\$66 00
Talcott, G. R. Mays.....	200	132 00
Greenville, A. C. McNeer	50	33 00
Alvon, A. C. Hamill	250	165 00
Alleghany, J. W. McNeil.....	150	99 00
Millboro, H. D. Bishop.....	200	132 00
Greenbank, J. T. Maxwell	75	49 50
Gilletts, J. M. Eavey.....	170	112 20
Hot Springs, B. L. Parrott	50	33 00
	\$1,245	\$821 70
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.		
Petersburg, C. M. Sarver.....	\$100	\$66 00
Franklin, W. W. Waters.....	125	82 50
Crab Bottom, A. R. Martin.....	150	99 00
Morgan, L. Hammond.....	150	99 00
Gainsboro, W. Watts.	100	66 00
Wardensville, C. L. Potter	150	99 00
Listonburg, D. M. Brown.....	100	66 00
	\$875	\$577 50
Grand Total.....	\$9,095	\$6,002 70

DR. RECAPITULATION AND BALANCE FOR APRIL 1, 1897. CR.

To balance, 1895-1896..... \$ 280 16	By Amount to—	
To Amount from—(Assessments)	Baltimore District (dom.) \$ 627 00	
Baltimore District 2,884 00	East Balto. " " 874 50	
East Balto. " 1,803 00	Washington " " 1,039 50	
Washington " 3,301 00	Winchester " " 445 50	
Winchester " 2,241 00	Rockingham " " 874 50	
Rockingham " 1,762 00	Roanoke " " 742 50	
Roanoke " 2,073 27	Lewisburg " " 821 70	
Lewisburg " 1,246 00	Moorefield " " 577 50	
Moorefield " 1,281 00	Parent Board Assessments, (foreign)..... 10,475 27	
Baltimore District, special, (foreign)..... 5 00	Parent Board, half anniversary, (foreign). . . 19 82	
Moorefield District, special, (foreign)..... 20 00	Parent Board, special, (foreign). 25 00	
Washington Dist., special, (domestic) 30 00	By balance April 1, 1897... 443 28	
Anniversary collection, Staunton, Va..... 39 64		
Total..... \$16,966 07	Total..... \$16,966 07	

SPECIAL NOTES.

Baltimore District.—Wesley Grove Circuit, for China Mission..... \$ 5 00	
Washington District.—Mt. Vernon Place—For helper to Brother Davis in Japan..... 30 00	
Alexandria.—Washington Street Sunday School raised the entire Missionary assessment, \$408.	
Winchester District.—Berryville—From Miss Mary E. Blake for Korea 15 00	
Charles Town—For Hiroshima School, \$475; for Kobe Mission, Japan, \$525..... 1,000 00	
Rockingham District.—Staunton—For Miss Gaines, in Japan. . . . 25 00	
Roanoke District.—Grace—Epworth League, for Korea 5 00	
Lewisburg District.—Christiansburg—The "Willing Workers" paid \$22.27 of assessment for Foreign Missions.	
Moorefield District.—Capon Bridge—For Missionary Debt, special.. 20 00	
Total Special Foreign... .. \$1,100 00	

Of this amount \$5 from Wesley Grove and \$20 from Capon Bridge have been received by the Treasurer of Conference Board. The balance, \$1,075, is reported as forwarded directly to the Treasurer of the Parent Board.

The total amount received during the year by Conference Treasurer \$16,685 91
Amount sent direct to Parent Board..... 1,075 00

Total raised for Missions during year... .. \$17,760 91

APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE OVERPAID BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ASSESSMENTS.

Rockingham District—Harrisburg and Bridgewater.

Lewisburg District—Lewisburg.

APPOINTMENTS WHICH OVERPAID FOREIGN AND PAID DOMESTIC IN FULL.

East Baltimore District—West Harford.

Washington District—Loudoun.

APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE PAID FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC IN FULL.

Baltimore District—Central, St. Paul's, Arlington and Sudbrook, Frederick City, Brunswick and Rockville.

East Baltimore District—Trinity, Calvary, North Baltimore.

Washington District—Mt. Vernon, Epworth, Marvin, Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Fall's Church and Fairfax.

Winchester District—Middletown, Strasburg, Woodstock, Front Royal, Martinsburg and Charles Town.

Rockingham District—Staunton, Augusta, Luray and Marksville.

Roanoke District—Salem, Greene Memorial, Trinity, St. James, Grace and Lexington.

Lewisburg District—Covington.

Moorefield District—Keyser, Piedmont, Romney and Capon Bridge.

APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE PAID ONE ASSESSMENT IN FULL.

East Baltimore District—Queen Anne's—Foreign.

Washington District—Occoquan—Foreign.

Winchester District—Winchester Station—Foreign.

Rockingham District—Shenandoah—Foreign.

Roanoke District—Blacksburg—Foreign.

Lewisburg District—Clifton Forge—Foreign.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1897 AND 1898.

DISTRICTS.	MISSIONS.	
	Foreign.	Domestic.
Baltimore...	\$ 2,368	\$ 1,670
East Baltimore...	1,706	1,203
Washington...	2 404	1,694
Winchester...	1,812	1,278
Rockingham...	1,565	1,103
Roanoke...	1,897	1,337
Lewisburg...	1,382	974
Moorefield...	1,366	966
	\$14,500	\$10,225

APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR 1897 AND 1898.

<i>Baltimore District.</i>		<i>Rockingham District.</i>	
Caernarvon.....	\$ 200	Fairfield... ..	\$ 75
Wilkins Avenue.....	400	Bell's Valley.....	175
Brunswick.....	450	New Market.....	200
Forest Grove	100	Mt. Jackson.....	250
	————\$ 1150	East Rockingham	50
		Marksville	250
		West Augusta.....	175
		Augusta Cir. (contingent)	100
		Rockbridge Baths.	150
			————\$ 1425
<i>East Baltimore District.</i>		<i>Roanoke District.</i>	
North Baltimore.....	\$ 400	Grace	\$ 150
Easton \$150, and Caro-		{ Roanoke Circuit.....	100
line \$75.....	225	{ Belmont	150
Charles....	200	Bethany.....	150
East Harford	200	Buena Vista.....	100
Church Hill.....	150	Collierstown.....	200
West River.....	150	Elliston.....	75
Hillsboro.....	150	New Castle, (con't).....	100
Trappe....	100	Catawba.....	100
	————\$ 1575		————\$ 1125
<i>Washington District.</i>		<i>Lewisburg District.</i>	
West Washington.....	\$ 300	{ Alleghany.....	\$ 125
Alexandria Mission.....	200	{ Alleghany Mission...	100
Manassas.....	175	Millboro.....	200
Sudley	125	Gillets	150
Warrenton	150	Hot Springs... ..	125
Occoquan.....	200	Alvon.....	225
Morrisville	100	Talcott.....	175
	————\$ 1250	Green Sulphur.....	125
		Green Bank, (con't)	100
			————\$ 1325
<i>Winchester District.</i>		<i>Moorefield District.</i>	
White Post.....	\$ 100	Petersburg.....	\$ 100
Warren	150	Franklin	125
Page.....	125	Crab Bottom.....	150
Linden.. ..	100	Cumberland, Md.....	300
Jefferson.	100	Morgan	150
Jefferson Mission.....	100	Gainsboro....	100
Frederick	125	Wardensville.....	150
Hagerstown, (con't).....	400	Listonburg.....	100
	————\$ 1200		————\$ 1175
Grand Total.....		\$10,225.	

The foregoing appropriations are subject to revision by the Conference Board of Missions, at the first meeting of the Board after Conference assemblies in March, 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. ALEXANDER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Baltimore Annual Conference,
M. E. Church, South.*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

We rejoice to report a steady growth during the past Conference year; an increase in numbers, a more general interest in the subject; and a better understanding of the importance of Missions.

We thank the pastors for their aid and hearty co-operation, and feel sure that this is but the beginning of better things.

Our adult membership is 1,697; juvenile, 977; subscribers to *Woman's Advocate*, 357; to the *Little Worker*, 203. In every item there has been increase, so "we thank God and take courage."

During the past year we have supported two candidates for the foreign mission field in the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City, and a number of our auxiliaries support scholarships or other special work in the foreign fields. In addition to our regular dues we have, this year, appropriated the money to furnish a chapel, to be known as the Melissa Baker Chapel, in the Hayes-Wilkins Memorial School at Sung Kiang, China.

At our last annual meeting, held in Stephen's City, Va., Dr. S. K. Cox preached the annual sermon. Mrs. J. D. Campbell, one of our missionaries from China, was present and awakened great interest by her stirring appeals for Missions.

Our next session will be held at Covington, Va.

A Woman's Missionary Society in every appointment of the Baltimore Conference and every woman ready to do her Master's will, is the hope set before us. May we not ask the prayers and aid of every pastor to help us realize it? And unto His great name shall be all the glory.

LEILA P. BEEHLER,
Conf. Cor. Sec.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY
SOCIETY, BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

From March, 1896, to March, 1897.

Received for General Fund from Adult and Juvenile Societies...	\$1,787 21
Scholarships.....	152 00
Expenses of Missionary Candidates.....	316 05
Hayes-Wilkins Memorial and Melissa Baker Chapel.	436 54
Day School in China.....	96 00
Thank-offerings.....	76 82
Little Worker Special.....	66 46
Mite Boxes.....	27 38
Cot in "Mary Black" Ward of Hospital, China	24 20
Special to Mexican Schools.....	32 00
"Belle Bennett" Chair in Training School.....	10 00
Conference Society Library.....	2 90
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	\$3,025 56
Remitted to Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer.....	\$2,195 61
Miss Barnes, Editor of "Little Worker"..	66 46
Training School, Expenses of Missionary	
Candidates.....	250 35
Mrs. Strother, for Library.....	2 90
On hand for Hayes-Wilkins Memorial and Melissa	
Baker Chapel.....	434 54
Expenses of Missionary Candidates.....	75 70
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	\$3,025 56

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE

FOR THE YEARS 1896 AND 1897.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

To balance on hand.....	\$ 27 00
From Bishop's Collection	2,007 00
“ Superannuated “	8,587 00
“ Education “	1,499 00
“ Paine & Lane “	313 00
“ Bible “	361 00
“ Interest on Colvin Fund	20 00
“ Profits of Publishing House.....	847 00
“ Interest on invested fund from Corporate Board.....	1,200 00
	<hr/> \$14,861 00

Disbursed

Paid Bishops.....	\$2,007 00
“ Randolph-Macon College \$1,499, less overpaid in 1896 \$222, and \$229 due Parent Board of Education on assessment of 1896-97	1,048 00
Paid Parent Board of Education amount overpaid Randolph-Macon College 1896, \$222 and \$229 due them on assessment 1896-97.....	451 00
Paid Paine and Lane Institute.....	313 00
“ Bible Societies.....	361 00
“ Superannuated.....	10,670 00
By balance on hand.....	11 00
	<hr/> \$14 861 00

Comparative Receipts for 1896 and 1897.

	1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Bishop's Fund.....	\$2,054 00	\$2,007 00	.....	\$47 00
Superannuated	8,572 00	8,587 00	15 00	.....
Educational.....	1,456 00	1,499 00	43 00	.....
Paine and Lane.....	302 00	313 00	11 00	.....
Bible.....	296 00	361 00	65 00	.....

Payment per Member.

Baltimore District.....	41 cents.
East Baltimore District	34 “
Washington District.....	29 “
Winchester District.....	23 “
Rockingham District.....	21 “
Roanoke District.....	22 “
Lewisburg District.....	19 “
Moorefield District.....	17 “

Estimates for 1897 and 1898.

DISTRICTS.	Bishops.	Sup'd	Educat'l.	Paine and Lane Int.	Exp. Del. Gen. Con.
Baltimore.....	\$410 00	\$2,133 00	\$387 00	82 00	\$240 00
East Baltimore	296 00	1,537 00	279 00	59 00	173 00
Washington	416 00	2,165 00	393 00	83 00	244 00
Winchester.....	295 00	1,535 00	279 00	59 00	173 00
Rockingham.....	271 00	1,410 00	256 00	54 00	159 00
Roanoke.	336 00	1,745 00	317 00	67 00	197 00
Lewisburg	239 00	1,245 00	226 00	48 00	140 00
Moorefield.....	237 00	1,230 00	223 00	48 00	139 00
	\$2,500 00	\$13,000 00	\$2,360 00	\$500 00	\$1,465 00

Amounts Paid Claimants on Superannuated Fund, 1896-97.

Mrs. Jno. Trone.....\$	75 50	Am't brought forward...	\$4,491 00
" L. D. Nixon.....	200 50	Mrs. C. M. Brown.....	351 50
" J. F. Liggett.....	125 50	" M. G. Balthis.. ..	200 50
" Jos. Eakin.....	75 50	" S. R. Snapp.....	250 50
" J. T. Etchinson.....	175 50	" M. M. Long.....	351 50
" W. H. Wheelwright..	100 50	" J. M. Grandin.....	175 00
" Wm. J. Perry.....	100 50	Jno. W. Tongue.. ..	200 00
" W. G. Coe.....	150 50	Aaron Boon.....	200 00
" H. C. Pitzer.....	100 50	Nelson Head.....	200 00
" G. G. Brooke.....	175 50	Wesley Hammond.....	225 00
" G. B. Allen	100 50	F. M. Mills.....	100 00
" J. H. March.....	175 50	Robert Smith.....	250 00
" E. G. Vandiver.....	226 00	Wm. Hedges.....	250 00
" A. B. Blue.	251 00	Robert Ross.....	100 00
" Thos. Hildebrand....	175 50	C. G. Linthicum	250 00
" Jno. Landstreet.....	175 50	F. A. Mercer.....	225 00
" L. R. Greene.....	251 00	J. H. Waugh.....	550 00
" H. Hoffman.....	50 50	J. H. Temple.....	200 00
" W. R. Stringer.....	151 50	J. M. Follensbee.....	200 00
" J. S. Martin.....	275 50	C. L. Damaron.....	450 00
" Sam'l Rodgers.....	225 00	W. G. Eggleston.....	400 00
" L. C. Miller.....	351 00	S. Townsend.	300 00
" S. S. Troy.....	200 50	C. A. Joyce.....	250 00
" R. S. Cunningham...	276 00	P. S. E. Sixeas.....	300 00
" S. W. Haddaway.....	150 50	J. O. Tackett.....	200 00
" W. A. Wade.....	175 50		
Am't carried forward...	\$4,491 00		\$10,670 00

CLAIMANTS FOR 1897 AND 1898.

CLAIMANTS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	DISTRICT.
Mrs. Jno. Trone.....	Heiskell, Md.....	Moorefield.
" L. D. Dixon.....	Washington, D. C.....	Washington.
" J. F. Liggett.....	Staunton, Va.....	Rockingham.
" Joseph T. Eakin....	Martinsburg, W. Va....	Winchester.
" J. F. Etchinson....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
" W. H. Wheelwright.	Ashland, Va.....	Virginia Conference.
" Wm. J. Perry.....	Staunton, Va.....	Rockingham.
" W. G. Coe.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
" H. C. Pitzer.....	Lexington, Va.....	Roanoke.
" Geo. G. Brooke....	Lewisburg, W. Va.	Lewisburg.
" G. B. Allen.....	Covington, Va.....	Lewisburg.
" J. H. March.....	Middletown, Va.....	Winchester.
" E. G. Vandiver....	Ashland, Va.....	Virginia Conference.
" A. B. Blue.....	Staunton, Va.....	Rockingham.
" Thos. Hildebrand...	McDowell, Va.....	Moorefield.
" John Landstreet...	Martinsburg, W. Va....	Winchester.
" L. R. Greene.....	Rockville, Md.....	Washington.
" H. Hoffman.....	Keyser, W. Va.....	Moorefield.
" W. R. Stringer.....	Front Royal, Va.....	Winchester.
" J. S. Martin.....	Staunton, Va.....	Rockingham.
" S. Regester.....	Contees, Md.....	Baltimore.
" L. C. Miller.....	Harrisonburg, Va.....	Rockingham.
" S. S. Troy.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
" R. S. Cunningham.	Summit Point, W. Va...	Winchester.
" S. W. Haddaway...	Washington, D. C.....	Washington.
" W. A. Wade..	Washington, D. C.....	Washington.
" C. M. Brown.....	Baltimore, Md.....	East Baltimore.
" M. G. Balthis.....	New Market, Md.....	Baltimore.
" S. R. Snapp.....	Grottoes, Va.....	Rockingham.
" M. M. Long.....	Woodstock, Va.....	Winchester.
" J. M. Grandin.....	Washington, D. C.....	Washington.
John W. Tongue.....	Charles Town, W. Va...	Winchester.
Aaron Boon.....	Luray, Va.....	Rockingham.
Nelson Head.....	Leesburg, Va.....	Washington.
Wesley Hammond....	Romney, W. Va.....	Moorefield.
F. M. Mills.....	Neosho, Mo.....	
Robert Smith.....	Manassas, Va.....	Washington.
Wm. Hedges.....	Hedgesville, W. Va....	Winchester.
C. G. Linthicum.....	Washington, D. C.....	Washington.
F. A. Mercer.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
J. H. Waugh.....	Harrisonburg, Va.....	Rockingham.
J. M. Follensbee....	Graham, Va.....	Virginia Conference.
C. L. Dameron.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
W. G. Eggleston....	Middletown, Va.....	Winchester.
S. Townsend.....	St. Augustine, Md.	East Baltimore.
C. A. Joyce.....	Gambrills, Md.....	Baltimore.
P. S. E. Sixeas.....	New Castle, Va.....	Lewisburg.
J. O. Tackett.....	Remington, Va.....	Washington.
W. H. Kinzer.....	Front Royal, Va.....	Winchester.
H. A. Gaver.....	Stephen's City.....	Winchester.
John T. Maxwell.....	(Residence unknown.)	

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. HOUCK, *Treasurer,*J. H. BOYD, *President.*

REPORTS.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT No. 1.

The Randolph-Macon Colleges and Academies.

This correlated system of educational institutions, which exemplifies, at least to some extent, the policy recommended by the Board of Education, commands the attention and confidence of educators and greatly increases the influence of our church with the general public. It is gratifying to state that our students, who have gone to universities for post-graduate study, have maintained the very highest standing in these institutions. During the last year three of them have taken the degree of Ph. D., four have won scholarships and three have won fellowships. At the University of Leipzig, a student who received the doctor's degree, and was said by the Chancellor to have passed the best examination that had been known during his chancellorship, was trained entirely at our College, and has been secured as a member of the faculty of one of our schools.

Randolph-Macon College has been recognized for many years as necessary to the successful prosecution of the work of our Conference. It is a training school for our ministers; it offers unsurpassed collegiate advantages to the young men of our Church; it endeavors to educate all its students according to a high intellectual standard and under positive Christian influences. For these and other reasons, it still commends itself to our cordial co-operation and support; and we believe that there has never been a time in its history when it was doing a better work or was more worthy of our confidence than at present. Five of its students are candidates for admission into the Conference at this session.

Randolph-Macon Academy, at Front Royal.

This Academy has maintained its high standard of excellence, and, under the diligent guidance of Rev. B. W. Bond, D. D., has endured the financial stress with a degree of success which encourages us to hope for a future of unqualified prosperity. Dr. Bond, after five years of faithful service, has carried out the purpose announced more than two years ago, and deferred at the request of the authorities of the Academy, and has resigned the position of principal, to take effect April 15th. At the request of the Executive Committee, Dr. Wm. W. Smith will take charge of the school for the remainder of the session. It seems to your Board very desirable that Dr. Smith shall continue this relation to our Conference Academy, and we hope the Trustees of the College will sanction his assumption of the principalship at the request of the Conference. We recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Conference requests the Trustees of Randolph-Macon College to elect Dr. Wm. W. Smith principal of the Academy at Front Royal, and in that event we pledge him our hearty co-operation and support.

The Randolph-Macon Academy, at Bedford City, is having a prosperous year.

The Woman's College shows a very gratifying increase in patronage and resources. Generous contributions have enabled the Trustees to improve its equipment during the year to the amount of nearly \$25,000. Several additions have been made to the Faculty, and the Course of Instruction has been notably enlarged by the establishment of a Department of History and Economics, under the conduct of Prof. Thos. W. Page, Ph. D., (Leipzig). The patronage shows an increase of fifty-four students—the number of enrolled students for this, the fourth year of the institution, reaching 171—a most gratifying increase for the time, and for the times.

Paine and Lane Institutes.

The Board would respectfully urge the claim of the schools upon the sympathy and liberality of the Conference. They are engaged in a work which must appeal to our hearts and intelligence, and a work which the Church cannot allow to decrease in usefulness. The reports from these schools show a steady and determined effort to educate and prepare teachers and preachers who will labor for the highest good of their race in this country and abroad. We recommend an assessment of \$500 in behalf of Paine and Lane Institutes, and would earnestly urge that special effort be made to secure the whole amount assessed.

REPORT No. 2.

Constitution of the Board of Education.

ARTICLE I.—The Board of Education shall consist of one traveling preacher and one layman for each district, to be nominated by the Presiding Elders and confirmed by the Annual Conference at its first session after the General Conference, whose term of office shall be four years, unless sooner changed, as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE II.—The officers of the Board shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Conference Secretary of Education shall be the Treasurer of this Board.

ARTICLE III.—The President, Vice-President and Secretary shall constitute an Executive Committee, who shall act in the intervals of Conference session, under such general instructions as they may receive from the Board.

ARTICLE IV.—It shall be the duty of the Board to take cognizance of all the institutions of learning under the care of the Conference, and to secure such statistics of our educational work as are required by the discipline.

ARTICLE V.—It shall recommend to the Annual Conference such assessments and for such purposes as it may deem best; and the distribution and collection of such assessments shall be made by the Joint Board of Finance, and the proceeds to be paid to the Treasurer of this Board at the close of each session of the Annual Conference.

ARTICLE VI.—No educational enterprise shall hereafter be adopted or fostered by the Conference until it shall have been recommended by the Board.

ARTICLE VII.—All vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Board, subject to the ratification of the Conference.

ARTICLE VIII.—A quorum of the Board shall be a majority of the members present at the Annual Conference.

ARTICLE IX.—Any amendments to, or alterations of, this constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board.

REPORT No. 3.

We recommend an educational assessment of \$2,360, of which \$2,000 shall be for the benefit of Randolph-Macon College and \$360 for the General Board of Education.

We recommend that the second Sunday in June, or as near thereto as practicable, be fixed as the day on which the sermon on "Education," as required by the discipline, shall be preached, and that the educational collection shall then be taken, if the Pastor shall deem the occasion suitable.

We recommend the following appointments: J. A. Kern, Professor in Randolph-Macon College; Collins Denny, Professor in Vanderbilt University; John P. Hyde, President of Valley Female College; H. P. Hamill, President of Wesleyan Female Institute.

We also recommend that H. P. Hamill be appointed Conference Secretary of Education.

REPORT No. 4.

Wesleyan Female Institute.

From the report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Conference to arrange with the creditors of Wesleyan Female Institute, it appears that their efforts were unsuccessful. It further appears that the debts reported by the Commissioner of the Hustings' Court, where the litigation is pending, ascertains that the debt and interest as of February 7, 1897, aggregate, approximately, \$40,000; whether all this is justly due by the Institute, your Committee is not prepared to say. It appears from the report of Rev. H. P. Hamill, President, that the Stock Company contemplated for operating the Institute at the last Conference was organized, and the School has been conducted by him, under that organization.

The Company was chartered June 10, 1896, with a capital stock of minimum \$10,000, maximum \$25,000. The patronage of the school largely increased, and there is a hopeful outlook for the future, provided, a continuance of the school can be assured.

In view of the past history of this honored Institute, whose diplomas are held in nearly every State in the Union with pride, and as it is the only female school in the bounds of our Conference directly under the control of the Conference, being centrally located with reference to our Conference territory and the focus of Female Educational Institutions, it should be continued as a Conference school for the Christian education of our young women.

In order to a successful continuance of the school, it is necessary that some arrangement be made for a satisfactory adjustment of the debts justly due by the Institute.

Waiving the question whether or not there is a legal obligation upon the Conference to pay these debts, there is a moral obligation which cannot be ignored, and in some instances, at least, of the highest character.

The obligation of the Conference arises from the fact that the title to the property is vested in trustees for the Conference, appointed and confirmed by the Conference at its annual sessions, and they were, therefore, the agents of the Conference to whom they annually made their reports, and which were confirmed and approved by the Conference; in addition to this, it has been held out to the world as the Conference school, owned and operated by and for the Conference.

1. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, who shall be specially charged with the duty of ascertaining the true and just amount of debt outstanding against the institute, and be clothed with authority to consult with the creditors and ascertain the most favorable adjustment that can be made with them.

2. We are informed that the company incorporated last June is willing to buy the property at the amount of the first lien on the real estate and first lien of the personal property—say \$20,000—leaving about \$20,000 to be provided for, according to the statement of debts before us.

We recommend that provision be made for this probable balance by either first, a voluntary assumption by the various charges in the Conference, or second, an increase of the capital stock of the company already organized.

H. H. KENNEDY, *Chairman.*

W. P. C. COE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

From the reports submitted to the Conference we give the following statistics :

Number of schools, 581, increase 2; number of officers and teachers, 5,699, decrease 30; number of scholars, 40,357, increase 442; amount of money raised, \$10,623, decrease \$418; amount of money collected on Children's Day, \$485.

From the report of the Treasurer, which is herewith presented, it will be noticed that only \$196.83 of the amount collected on Children's Day has been turned over to the Board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

The official visit of the Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday School Editor, was highly appreciated by us, and we are sure will be found helpful to the Sunday School cause, and we desire to make our acknowledgments to him for the position which he took and sustained by unanswerable argument, that the Sunday School is the foundation of the Church.

All of the literature that emanates from such a source is not only of the highest intellectual worth, but deeply spiritual as well. We note with pleasure the decided improvement of all our Sunday School literature, especially the Sunday School Magazine and the Visitor. The increased circulation of our Sunday School literature, as announced, is very marked, and we sincerely urge the use of the same to the strict exclusion of all other.

COLPORTEUR.

We heartily recommend the work of our Conference Colporteur, Rev. A. A. P. Neel, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, and urgently request that all of our Sunday School supplies be purchased directly from him. It is our hope that those who have heretofore failed to order through our Colporteur the necessary Sunday supplies will in the future be mindful of the claims of Brother Neel upon the Conference. His faithfulness and accuracy in discharging the responsible duties of his office cannot be too highly commended. In assisting him, promptness and fair dealings are at once assured.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

The design of the Board, inaugurated at the last session of this Conference, to publish a Sunday School Directory, which would include the names of all the Presiding Elders, Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents of the Conference, with their postoffice addresses, has been completed, and the Directory has been mailed to all of the interested parties. The Directory has been compiled with considerable care, and bespeaks its

own value to the great movement of the Sunday School cause in our Conference. There are other features of a highly interesting character to be found in the Directory, to which special attention is directed.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

We submit herewith the report of the Treasurer of this Board, showing the amount collected on Children's Day for the benefit of this Board. A casual examination of the report will indicate that the amount realized is far below our just expectations. This is doubtless to be accounted for on two grounds—a failure to observe the day, or to turn over the amount collected on the day to our Board.

The law of our Church on this subject is very plain, and why it is not strictly observed we cannot tell. The failure is as surprising as it is disappointing to us. It is our duty to emphasize the fact that the collections taken on that day are imperatively required to be turned over to this Board for disbursement according to the provisions of the discipline. We trust that in the future the strict observance of the reasonable requirements of this law may relieve us of the necessity for further complaint.

The twenty per cent. of the collections taken on Children's Day are very necessary to the maintenance of the General Sunday School and Educational Boards, between which the amount is divided.

In order that there may be uniformity in the use of appropriate programmes for Children's Day, we are pleased to announce that we have made arrangements with the Publishing House to furnish free to all our Sunday Schools, programmes for the day, on the sole condition that a collection shall be taken in accordance with the provision of the discipline. A circular letter will be mailed to the various Superintendents in the bounds of the Conference, giving necessary information, and accompanied with a sample programme. In order that we may carry this project out to a happy conclusion, it is necessary that we have the cordial support and influence of all our Pastors. The programme, as will be seen on examination of it, is not only sprightly and in keeping with the day to be observed, but is also of an instructive character.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Last year the Sunday School Convention and the Epworth League Conference were held separately, and as a consequence the attendance was unsatisfactory. This year it has been determined, after full consideration of the subject by the respective Boards, to hold a joint Sunday School Convention and Epworth League Conference, at Charles Town, W. Va., July 6-9, 1897. By the joint action of the Boards, M. L. Walton was elected President of the Convention and Conference, and the basis of representation left to the action of the respective Boards. Robert Magruder and Rev. J. W. Grubb have been elected as the Executive Committee, with the President, who is *ex officio* a member of the Committee, which is charged with the arrangement of the programme and all necessary details of the first annual meeting. The speakers and subjects will be announced shortly, together with other information for the guidance of those interested in the success of the meeting.

We desire to make the Convention and Conference the grandest meeting, in numbers and enthusiasm, that we have hitherto had. As all matters pertaining to it have been harmoniously adjusted by the Boards, we look for much good to result from the sessions.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we can not lay too much stress upon the absolute importance and the vital interests of the Sunday School cause in our economy. It has been the direct means for nearly a century of training the children

for God and the Church, and can not be successfully supplanted by, or justly subordinated by any other kindred institution of the Church. It stands on its own merits, and will constantly be the happy medium of blessing to untold thousands. In this great labor of love and onward movement of the Church, we ask, and confidently expect to receive, the hearty co-operation of all our pastors and people in perpetuating this blessed method which has long since passed the experimental stage, in the inculcation of Scriptural truth, and the salvation of our beloved children.

CHILDREN'S DAY FUND.

Robert Magruder, Prof. S. T. Moreland and W. H. Thomas are appointed a committee to distribute the Fund for Needy Sunday Schools. Applications will be received by Robert Magruder, 12 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, or by Prof. S. T. Moreland, Lexington, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MAGRUDER, *Chairman.*

CHARLES S. STANTON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Receipts from the several Districts for the current year :

<i>Baltimore District</i> —Arlington and Sudbrook.....		\$16 25	
Reisterstown.....		3 00	
Freedom.....		20 00	
Frederick ...		2 55	
Emory.....		2 00	
			\$43 80
<i>E. Baltimore District</i> —Taylor's Circuit		9 00	
East Harford.. ..		4 00	
Queen Anne ...		5 00	
Chesapeake.....		9 00	
West River		3 00	
Church Hill.....		2 42	
			32 24
<i>Washington District</i> —Marvin.....		3 00	
Loudoun.....		5 00	
Marshall.....		9 00	
Occoquan....		2 00	
Sudley and Manassas.....		5 87	
			24 87
<i>Winchester District</i> —Frederick.....		4 70	
Front Royal.....		5 00	
Brucetown		2 50	
Martinsburg.....		2 58	
Berkeley.....		5 00	
Shepherdstown.....		10 00	
Charles Town.....		5 00	
			34 78
<i>Rockingham District</i> —Harrisonburg.....		5 00	
Bridgewater.....		14 00	
New Hope.....		4 00	
New Market.....		3 00	
			26 00
<i>Roanoke District</i> —Fincastle.....		3 00	
			3 00

<i>Lewisburg District</i> —Greenville.....	4 66	
Union.....	7 30	
		11 96
<i>Moorefield District</i> —Petersburg..	2 00	
Elk Garden.....	3 00	
Flintstone.....	4 00	
Romney.....	5 00	
Hardy.....	1 00	
		15 00
Cash, no charge given.....		4 00
Total.....		\$195 83
By cash paid Parent Board Sunday Schools..	\$19 58	
By cash paid Educational Board.....	19 58	
By amount overpaid on 1896.....	41 30	
		80 46
Balance on hand for distribution to needy Sunday Schools....		\$115 37
To balance on hand March 30, 1896		\$150 86
By cash paid needy Sunday Schools	\$87 76	
Printing and postage on Directory.....	104 40	
		192 16
By amount overpaid.....		\$41 30

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

With the recurrence of each annual session of our Board, it is an occasion of renewed regret that the funds at our disposal are so unequal to the demands upon them. The applications for aid the present year are more numerous than ever before; the sum called for exceeding three times over the amount in hand. Had the entire assessment for this purpose been paid in, we should still have lacked by several hundred dollars enough to meet these applications in full. While this circumstance indicates a greater activity in church building than heretofore, and, in this respect, bears an encouraging aspect; yet, it is greatly to be deplored that we have not been able to respond more satisfactorily to the urgent appeals for help that have come up to us from all parts of our Conference territory.

While the receipts this year are about the same as those of the last, we feel assured that if our people fully apprehended the vitally important relation which this great work sustains to the highest interests of the Church, it would receive a more liberal and appreciative support.

Since the Church Extension movement went into operation, we have raised in our Conference, for the objects contemplated by it, \$32,743. Deducting the proportion paid to the parent Board, and adding donations from that Board to the amount of \$9,700, and loans amounting to \$17,000, we have a total of \$43,071.50 expended for church building purposes in the period above mentioned. This sum has been distributed throughout the bounds of our Conference, in our cities, towns and rural districts, and has its abiding effects in the large number of church edifices that have sprung up among us within the past twelve or fourteen years.

We have given help at this session to eighteen churches, scattered through all the Districts of the Conference, and have been unfortunately compelled to set aside several applications.

We refer to the report of the Treasurer of the Board for a tabulated statement of receipts and disbursements, and other items connected with our fiscal operations.

The Board has adopted a rule requiring all applications for aid to be accompanied with an abstract of title, and the deed, or a certified copy of the deed, to the ground upon which the church is to be erected. This requirement has been rendered necessary by the difficulty in determining in a number of cases the exact legal status of the property for which help has been asked.

Applicants are also reminded of the rule requiring applications to be in hand at least a month in advance of the Conference session. This rule will hereafter be rigidly enforced.

We append the report of the Secretary and of the Treasurer of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of our Conference. It will be seen how steadily this important branch of our Church Extension work is advancing in its noble enterprise and multiplying its beneficent ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L K. COX, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT CHURCH EXTENSION.

Receipts.

March 31, 1896—Balance on hand.....	\$	2	47
“ 27, 1897—Received on assessment.....		2,203	41
Returned from Jennings's Gap.....		10	00
Total.....	\$	2,215	88

Disbursements.

March 29, 1897—Remitted Parent Board.....	\$1,101	70
Postage, printing, &c.....	6	03
		1,107 73
		\$1,108 15
Received by private subscription.....		10 00
Balance for distribution.....	\$1,118	15

Appropriations to Churches.

Vanderpool, Moorefield District.....	\$	44	00
Trinity, Moorefield District.....		66	00
Whatcoat, Lewisburg District ..		44	00
New Hope, Lewisburg District.....		35	00
Wesley Chapel, Lewisburg District.....		35	00
Bolar Springs, Lewisburg District.....		66	00
St. John's, Roanoke District.....		132	00
Lithia, Roanoke District.....		66	00
Bent Mountain, Roanoke District ..		30	00
Hendricks Chapel, Rockingham District....		30	00
Mount Calvary, Rockingham District.....		44	00
Mount Carmel, Winchester District.....		66	00
Carper's Valley, Winchester District.....		25	00
Rileysville, Winchester District.....		88	00
Fairview, Washington District.....		53	00
Manning's, Washington District.....		44	00
Trinity, (Easton, Md.) East Baltimore District.....		198	00
Brunswick, Baltimore District.....		44	00
Balance.....		8	15
		\$1,118	15

Assessments and Payments by Districts.

DISTRICTS.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.
Baltimore.....	\$ 565 00	\$ 390 50	\$ 174 50
East Baltimore.....	448 00	223 00	225 00
Washington.....	600 00	457 00	143 00
Winchester.....	472 00	313 50	158 50
Rockingham.....	404 00	248 00	156 00
Roanoke....	447 00	254 00	193 00
Lewisburg.....	312 00	156 41	155 59
Moorefield.....	352 00	161 00	191 00
Total.....	\$3,600 00	\$2,203 41	\$1,396 59

Comparative Receipts for 1896 and 1897.

DISTRICTS.	Paid in 1896.	Paid in 1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Baltimore.....	\$ 383 00	\$ 390 50	\$ 7 50	.....
East Baltimore.....	241 00	223 00	.....	\$ 18 00
Washington....	467 00	457 00	.....	10 00
Winchester.....	296 50	313 50	17 00	.....
Rockingham.....	265 00	248 00	.....	17 00
Roanoke....	269 00	254 00	.....	15 00
Lewisburg.....	156 00	156 41	41	.....
Moorefield.....	147 00	161 00	14 00	.....
Total.....	\$2,224 50	\$2,203 41	\$38 91	\$60 00

Assessments for 1897-'98.

Baltimore District.....	\$ 628 00
East Baltimore District.....	498 00
Washington District....	665 00
Winchester District.....	524 00
Rockingham District.....	449 00
Roanoke District....	497 00
Lewisburg District.....	347 00
Moorefield District.....	392 00
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	\$4,000 00

P. V. D. CONWAY, *Treasurer.*REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION
SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1896-'97.*Dear Fathers and Brethren of the Baltimore Conference :*

Unto the records of past years of work, we beg leave to add that of the Conference year of 1896-'97, and we trust, that while results are not all for which both you and we had hoped, that we are yet going forward.

Through the 50 per cent. of dues which we retain for Conference work, we have been able to aid in building a parsonage at a point in our territory, where it has been a sorely felt need for years. We are deeply grateful to have been able to consummate this work; and yet, with numerous and pressing applications of a similar character, we are as deeply grieved to have had to refuse those equally worthy.

In all the departments of Home Mission work, our members are, we believe, alive to their duties.

Especially is this true, in contributing to the necessities of the poor, and carrying the gospel into the waste places near at hand.

There is a large increase in the number of Cottage Prayer Meetings held and Bible Readings given, and from this we draw the cheering and inspiring conclusion that the spiritual tide is rising higher, and are glad to believe, that it is an evidence of better things to come.

Many boxes of supplies for the frontier preachers, have gone to bring new comfort to barren homes, and in our own Conference many parsonages and their inmates are better equipped for the exertions we have made.

Our Annual Meeting, at Fall's Church, was a blessing to all who were privileged to attend, and the results are yet appearing, from time to time, through an increased membership and greater interest, at many points.

We meet again in May, at Linden, Virginia.

In conclusion, we bespeak most earnestly the prayers and aid of each of our brethren, and promise you to attempt to merit the plaudit,

"She hath done what she could."

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

	During year.	Increase over last year.
Number of adult societies.....	25	5
Number of adult members.....	466	72
Number of juvenile societies.....	8	1
Number of juvenile members	230	15
Total number of connectional members in the society....	696	87
Number of connectional members added during year....	143	
Number of monthly meetings during year.....	144	
Total number of members present during year.....	1016	
Number of subscribers to "Our Homes".....	62	20
New subscribers added during year	7	
Number taking Home Mission Reading Course....	13	
Have you received leaflets this year.....	yes	
How many are pledged to systematic giving.....	94	70
Number of sick, and strangers visited.....	1490	240
Number of papers and leaflets distributed.....	1254	
Number of garments distributed.....	274	
Number of Cottage Prayer Meetings held or Bible Read- ings given.....	167	111
Number of visits to corrective or benevolent institutions.	83	58

MRS. J. D. MARTIN, *Conf. Cor. Sec.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Amount remitted of connectional membership dues.....	\$350 24	
Lucinda B. Helm Loan Fund.....	13 00	
Money remitted for general work other than dues, loan fund, special, etc	18 80	
Amount remitted of special donations.....	70 63	
Amount of contingent fund.....	33 43	
Amount remitted for Preachers Wives' Loan Fund.....	20 00	
Amount remitted of "Our Angel Band" Loan Fund, (\$20 makes a member,).....	60 00	
Amount remitted from mite boxes, collecting cards, etc., week of prayer... ..	42 10	
Special for Church Hill parsonage	8 17	
Money expended for parsonage work (by voucher), reported....	44 00	
Contingent fund, reported.....	12 75	
Money expended in local church work (by voucher), reported..	227 10	
Value of barrels of supplies sent off (by voucher), reported....	235 61	
Value of supplies given locally (by voucher) reported.	22 75	
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Whole amount reported.....	\$542 21	
Whole amount received.....	616 37	
Balance carried from March, 1896	30 23	
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Total.....	\$646 60	\$1,188 81
Amount paid out by treasurer.....	575 04	
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Balance in treasury.....	\$ 71 56	

MRS. W. B. B. GALLAHER, *Treasurer.*

CHARLES TOWN, W. VA., March 19, 1897.

REPORT OF BOARD OF COLPORTAGE, 1897.

The Board of Colportage has heard with pleasure the report of the year's work, given by Rev. A. A. P. Neel, Colportage Agent. Sales have been made to the amount of \$2,737.93, an increase of \$490.25. This showing, considering all the difficulties against which he was compelled to labor, is encouraging. Believing that with the beginning already made this work can be carried forward with increasing success, we respectfully nominate Rev. A. A. P. Neel to this work.

We further recommend and urge that our preachers and people co-operate with Bro. Neel, and aid him in his work, by concentrating the entire patronage of the Conference upon our regularly appointed agent.

F. A. STROTHER, *Secretary.*

T. G. NEVITT, *President.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Report No. 1.

We recommend that the following be adopted as the Constitution of the Epworth League Board of this Conference:

SECTION 1. The Epworth League Board of Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, South, shall be composed of one traveling preacher of the Conference and one layman from each district of the Conference, who shall

be nominated by the Presiding Elders of each district and confirmed by the Annual Conference; the election of said Board to be at the first session of the Annual Conference after each General Conference, the term of office to be four years, unless a change is made as hereafter provided. But the Board shall remain as at present constituted until the session of the Annual Conference following the General Conference of 1898.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Board shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Board, and their duties such as usually pertain to the office.

SEC. 3. If any member of the Board shall fail to attend for two successive years his place may be declared vacant, and when a vacancy occurs from this, or any other cause, it may be filled by the Conference on nomination of the Presiding Elder for the district in which the vacancy occurs.

SEC. 4. This Board shall have general jurisdiction of the Epworth League work within the bounds of the Conference:

(a.) It shall provide for the holding of such Conferences as it shall deem best for the promotion of the Epworth League work.

(b.) It shall prescribe Constitutions for the Conference League Conference and for the District League Conferences.

(c.) It may annually make a levy or assessment on the local leagues of not exceeding five cents a member, for the purpose of defraying necessary expenses and for the promotion of the Epworth League work in the Conference, which is to be paid to the Treasurer of this Board.

(d.) This Board shall appoint the President of the Conference-League Conference and arrange a programme for said Conference, and also select the time and place for the holding of said Conference.

SEC. 5. Each of the District Conferences and the Conference-League Conference shall make report in writing, signed by its president and secretary, to this Board at its annual sessions, as to the condition and the progress of the work within their several jurisdictions, and any other matter that they may deem pertinent.

SEC. 6. Any changes may be made in this Constitution upon the approval of a two-thirds vote of this Board and ratification by the Annual Conference.

REPORT No. 2 OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

To The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Staunton, Virginia, March, 1897:

We are pleased to report decided growth in the Epworth League movement during the year. There has been an increase of sixty-seven local Leagues and 2056 in membership, making a total number of Leagues, this year reported, one hundred and sixty-five, and total membership of 7160. These figures will show the constantly increasing interest taken in this department of our Church work, both by our preachers and people. Yet we find quite a number of appointments in which Leagues have not been organized, and we hope that by the close of another Conference year there will be no appointment without a League. We call the attention of the preachers of the Conference to the annual report of the Secretary of the General Conference Epworth League Board, which has been presented to this Conference, and most heartily recommend that the attention of Local Leagues be called to the ten cent assessment plan provided for in the Constitution of Local Leagues, and that they be urged to send such assessment to Mr. J. U. Rust, Nashville, Tennessee, Treasurer of the Board. Also that all Local Leagues see to it that they are registered at the Central

Office, and work under a charter obtained from the General Board, as only chartered Leagues will be entitled to representation at the Annual, State and District League Conferences.

In order that there may be harmony in the organization of our district work, we recommend the adoption of the following Constitution for District League Conferences :

ARTICLE I.—Name.

This Organization shall be known as the Epworth League Conference of the ——— District of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

ARTICLE II.—Object.

The object shall be to promote the interest of Epworth League work in the District.

ARTICLE III.—Membership.

The Conference shall be composed of delegates elected on the basis of one to every fifteen members from each chartered League in the District; provided, however, that each chartered League be entitled to two representatives. The travelling preacher of the District and presidents of the various local Leagues shall be *ex officio* members.

ARTICLE IV.—Officers.

The officers of the Conference shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Superintendent of Junior Work. These officers shall be elected annually by ballot on majority vote. The Presiding Elder shall have general supervision of this District League Conference and shall be President of the Council.

ARTICLE V.—Duties of Officers.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the annual meeting of the Conference, and in the interim, to promote the organization of Leagues throughout the District. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President, in the absence of the President, to preside at the Conference, in the order of their election, and to foster the interests of their respective departments in all the charges within the bounds of the District. The Treasurer shall keep all the funds and disburse them only on the order of the President. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep in touch with the Corresponding Secretaries of the local Leagues, and endeavor to furnish them information with regard to the best methods of League work; and the Corresponding Secretary shall prepare and preserve a correct account of all of the proceedings of the District League Conference. The Superintendent of Junior Department shall have general supervision of the work of Junior Department, and shall endeavor to organize a Junior League in every charge, if practicable.

ARTICLE VI.—Council.

The officers of the District League Conference, with the Presiding Elder of the district, shall constitute the Council, which shall meet not later than three months after the adjournment of the Annual Conference. It shall be the duty of the Council to prepare the programme and select the time for holding the District League Conference.

We recommend that the Annual Conference League Conference be held conjointly with the Sunday School Convention at such time, place and under such management as may be agreed upon by the Joint Sunday School Board and Epworth League Board.

We recommend that the Leagues of the Conference co-operate as far as practicable with the State League Conferences that may be held in their respective States, and that they send delegates to the International Conference to be held next summer in the City of Toronto, Canada.

We recommend that the Editor and Publisher of the "Baltimore Christian Advocate" be requested to appoint Rev. J. O. Knott to edit the Epworth League department in that paper for the ensuing Conference year.

We recommend that an assessment of two cents a member be levied upon the local Leagues to defray the expenses of this Board in publishing and mailing such information concerning League work as may farther promote the interest of this department of Church work within the bounds of our Conference, and that such assessments be sent to Mr. E. D. Preston, Treasurer of the Board, not later than July 15th, 1897.

We recommend that all our Leagues purchase their literature from our Conference Colporteur, Rev. A. A. P. Neel.

J. W. GRUBB, *President*.

F. J. PRETTYMAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE BOARD OF FINANCE.

It is pleasant to report that this monetary interest is bearing fruit, and contributing to the comfort of those whose care is a sacred charge to the Conference.

The sum of \$1,200 is turned over to the Joint Board of Finance to be distributed to the Conference claimants this year. The Treasurer's report, herewith presented, shows the nature of the investments from which the revenues of the Board are derived.

It may not be out of order to make the following statement: The Board is incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, and is located in the city of Baltimore. By the terms of the charter it is composed of five (5) clerical and four (4) lay members, and is self-perpetuating. Its affairs are managed by a Board of Directors, who meet quarterly. The annual meeting of the full Board is held during the session of the Conference.

Its present assets are:

The donation of Brother Charles Shipley, \$20,000, invested in ground rents in the city of Baltimore.

A bequest of Mrs. Fulton, netting \$975, loaned to the Trustees of Randolph-Macon College.

A bequest of Mrs. Sewell, \$3,000, invested in Baltimore city stock.

A loan of \$400 to the Wesley Grove Camp Association.

A *form of bequest* is published in the Minutes of the Conference. The members of the Board for the year have been:

Clerical—Rev. J. S. Gardner, D. D., President; Rev. G. H. Zimmerman, Secretary; Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, Rev. J. W. Duffey, Rev. T. G. Nevitt.

Lay—J. W. Rice, E. B. Prettyman; Charles Shipley, Treasurer; Jos. O. Shipley.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. GARDNER, *President*.

G. H. ZIMMERMAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CORPORATE BOARD OF FINANCE.

ASSETS IN HAND OF THE CORPORATE BOARD OF FINANCE.

Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South.

Twelve ground rents, \$36 each, payable January and July.....	\$432 00
Two ground rents, \$68 each, payable March and September.....	136 00
One ground rent, \$70, payable March and September.....	70 00
One ground rent, \$145, payable April and October.....	145 00
One ground rent, \$90.75, payable May and November.....	90 75
One ground rent, \$40, payable January and July.....	40 00
One ground rent, \$81, payable August and February.....	81 00
One ground rent, \$50, payable May and November.....	50 00
One ground rent, \$300, payable May and November.....	300 00
\$3,000, bequest of Mrs. Caroline Sewell, invested in Baltimore City Stock, yielding.....	105 00
\$400, loaned to Wesley Grove Association, yielding.....	20 00
\$975, bequest of Mrs. Fulton, loaned to Trustees of Randolph- Macon College, yielding.....	58 50

Charles Shipley, Treasurer, in Account with the Corporate Board of Finance.

October 14, 1896. To balance on hand.....	\$19 76
To ground rents from Charles Shipley's fund.....	1,074 75
To interest on city stock " ".....	210 00
To two years' interest on loan to Wesley Grove.....	40 00
To interest on loan to R.-M. College.	58 50
To interest on deposit in bank.....	8 62
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	\$1,411 63
By amount paid to Joint Board of Finance.....	\$1,200 00
By balance on hand.....	211 63
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	1,411 63

CHARLES SHIPLEY, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES.

MEMOIRS.

Rev. JOSHUA MARSDEN GRANDIN.

Rev. Joshua Marsden Grandin was born at Hector, Schuyler county, N. Y., April 3d, 1814. At the age of eight years his father died, and he

shortly after removed to New York City. When but twelve years old he was converted to God, and three years later was licensed to exhort. In his sixteenth year he visited his eldest brother in Portland, Maine, and was there employed to fill the pulpit of an absent preacher for one or two months. He remained with his brother for several years, and, during that period, devoted his time to the study of medicine. Impelled, however, by the conviction of his call to the ministry, he entered Dickinson College, and there graduated. His Sunday hours were spent in the service of the Church, embracing every opportunity both to exhort and preach. In 1845 he was admitted on trial into the traveling connection and was assigned to Charles Circuit in the Baltimore Conference, as assistant with Rev. Isaac Collins. His subsequent appointments were as follows:

1846, Bladensburg; 1847-8, Calvert; in 1848, admitted into full connection and ordained deacon; 1849, he was placed in charge of Charles Circuit; in 1850, he was ordained elder by Bishop Waugh at Alexandria, and appointed to Christiansburg Circuit; 1851-2, Fairfax; 1853, Pleasant Valley Mission; 1854-5, Montgomery Circuit; 1856, he was made agent of the Olin and Preston Institute at Blacksburg, Va; 1857-8, Patapsco Station; 1859-60, Asbury and Mt. Zion (colored), Washington city, D. C.; 1861, Harper's Ferry; 1862-66, chaplain in the Confederate States Army; 1866, Fincastle; 1867-8, Charles; 1869, Trappe; 1870, Queen Anne's; 1871-2, Taylor's; 1873, Frederick Avenue, Baltimore; 1874, Mt. Sidney; 1875, Prince William; 1876-9, Sunday school and tract agent; 1880, Rainsburg; 1881, tract agent. In 1882 he was placed on the superannuated list, where he was continued for fourteen years, until his death, July 24, 1896. He was married to Miss Ann Dove Shemwell, in Southern Maryland, in 1849, who, with their only child, Mrs. Mary G. Bennett, survives him.

His grand-uncle was Samuel Seabury, of Connecticut, who received the Episcopate in the Church of Scotland at the hands of three "non-juring" prelates, in the Episcopal Chapel at Aberdeen, November 14, 1784, but a little over a month prior to the ordination of Bishop Asbury; but who did not exercise the functions of his office until June 27, 1785.

Joshua Marsden, the English Wesleyan, "familiar to the Church by his hymns, by his missionary labors in Nova Scotia, Bermuda and the West Indies, and by his long services at home," was the uncle of Brother Grandin, who was named for him.

It is not surprising that a descendant of these historic men should inherit some of their excellent qualities, both of mind and heart. He was, indeed, in some respects, a remarkable man. His originality in the conception of the truth of God's Word, and in the illustrations which abounded in his sermons, was striking. His descriptive powers rendered vivid the men and the scenes of Bible history. At times he preached with great power and with wonderful effect. Many were the seals to his ministry.

It will be noticed in the record of his appointments how varied was the character of his work. This forcibly illustrates the versatility of his talents. It was impossible for a man of his peculiar traits to avoid the exhibition of peculiar contrasts—genial and gentle at times; at other moments he was brusque and impetuous. But he was ever loyal to his Lord and held tenaciously to his conscious relation to Him. So, after bearing the weight of infirmities even to the age of eighty-two years, he could say at the last moment: "I am only just waiting for the call of Jesus—it may come any day, but I am waiting and am ready." When the call came "he passed peacefully and quietly away without a struggle or a sigh" to meet his Lord.

Rev. JOHN WESLEY BOTELER.

Rev. John Wesley Boteler, son of John Davis and Eliza Mills Boteler, was born in Washington, D. C., March 12th, 1829. With the exception of a few years spent as an itinerant in the Baltimore Conference, and then in the Upper Iowa Conference, his labors, as minister and leader in the Church, were confined to the city of his birth, where he has left his indelible impress, and where he fell asleep in Jesus, April 12th, 1896, having lived sixty-seven years and one month.

He began his Christian life early. He was converted at the age of ten, and joined Wesley Chapel, M. E. Church, where his father was a class-leader and prominent member. He always had a warm place in his heart for old Wesley Chapel. Besides its connection with his conversion, his father had laid the first bricks of the present structure, which bears that name, and here his afterwards famous brother-in-law, T. J. Magruder, was at one time, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Later in life, Brother Boteler's parents having moved to the eastern part of Washington city, he became connected with old Ebenezer, now Trinity M. E. Church, where it is likely he was sent out upon his ministerial career. He was received into the Baltimore Conference at Winchester, Va., in 1851, and was sent as junior preacher, to Greenbrier Circuit, with Rev. John W. Wolfe, preacher in charge. In 1852 he was put in charge of Sewell Valley Circuit. In 1853 he was ordained deacon, by Bishop Morris, at Hagerstown, Md., and received into full connection. That year he was sent to Sweet Springs Circuit, where he was, on 14th of February, 1854, married to Susan Hester Printz, of Dunlop's Creek, Va. The same year he was returned to Sweet Springs Circuit. The records show that he was ordained elder in the Old Light Street Church, Baltimore, by Bishop Waugh. After serving Jacksonville and Union Circuits a year each, he was transferred to the Upper Iowa Conference in 1857, and sent to Rockdale Circuit, near Dubuque. In 1858 and 1859, he served Andrew Circuit, in Jackson county, Iowa. Owing to several severe attacks of vertigo, upon advice of his physician he located, and soon afterwards returned to Washington city, where he engaged, for a time, in the shoe business, from which he retired, however, to accept the Secretaryship of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Washington, D. C. This place he held to the day of his death, a period of nearly thirty years. He was re-admitted to the Baltimore Conference in 1869, at Trinity Church, Baltimore, Bishop Wightman presiding, and was, at his request, placed on the Supernumerary list.

Contrary to what might have been expected from the relation he sustained to the Church and the connection he had with responsible secular labors, he never became secularized, but the last thirty years of his life must be reckoned as the most significant of all the years he gave to the Church. It was literally true, that his last days were his best days, ending in a fitting climax, and showing that he had, in his selection of place and work, been guided by the Spirit.

For about twenty years of the period of which we speak, Brother Boteler was connected with what is now Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, South, having here a class, and withal, being much to that congregation what he was afterwards to Epworth. It was he who suggested the name of the present Church.

About 1889, Brother Boteler moved his residence to the eastern section of Washington City, and soon became connected with Grace Mission, now Epworth Church. He found here a handful of people, who had been worshipping in a small frame structure on the corner of 7th and A streets, N. E. It seemed fitting that one who knew the city so well, and who had done so much here for the church of his choice, should round out his life by leading in the enterprise which eventuated in the beautiful structure which now graces the corner where stood the little frame building. He saw his opportunity and pressed to take advantage of it. "I want to see a new

church on that corner before I die," he used to so often remark, that the expression became known to embody his one desire. He seemed to have an impression that what was to be done must be done quickly. In his last days he thought and talked of little else than this crowning purpose of his life. He lived to see that purpose accomplished, and was glad. He gave so liberally of his means to the enterprise, that his friends chided him for his lavishness. He constantly affirmed that he was giving that which was the Lord's by right, and that he was glad to be able to invest in heavenly stock.

Epworth Church was dedicated January 12th, 1896, by Bishop A. W. Wilson, his warm personal friend. Brother Boteler was present at the services, and suggested Simeon of old. Just three months thereafter he died of paralysis, on Sunday evening, while the church bells were ringing for the evening service. The last words he said to his pastor were words concerning the Church, and were characteristic of the faith he ever had in her final triumph: "The Lord will provide."

In Brother Boteler's death the M. E. Church, South, in Washington City, lost one whose place it is difficult to fill. As the days multiply since he left us, our Methodism there feels no less keenly that loss. He was one of the best known of all the men who had to do with the establishing of our Church in the Capital City.

A decided Southern Methodist in all his instincts, he had the love and confidence of all the Christian people of his native city—the Catholics vying with the Protestants in doing him honor.

In his methods of Church work he was a painstaking "hand picker." If a certain amount of money was to be raised, he would often assume the bulk of it, and then with perseverance in the face of any discouragement, he would add little by little, until he had accomplished what he set out to do. So in his labors for souls, he worked upon individuals. When in the active ministry he rode a great way upon one occasion, to his appointment, and found one man as his congregation. He took a text, preached, and then came down and shook hands with his audience. Many are the souls who will greet him on the other side, who have thus been impressed if not won to Christ through his carefulness for individuals.

As to generosity, Brother Boteler was a kind of marvel. While much he gave was known because of the channels through which it came, much will never be until "that day." He gave scripturally, and most cheerfully, often saying, when various means were used to raise money, "O that Christian people would learn the joy of direct giving!"

In manner, Brother Boteler was gentle and courteous, with an exceedingly low and sweet voice, which he consecrated to the Lord in encouraging the faint-hearted and in singing the songs of Zion. Perhaps in no capacity was he happier than when leading the congregation where he worshipped in its service of song. He loved old Methodist hymns and tunes, and taught others to do the same.

One who knew Brother Boteler in his youth, describes him thus as a preacher, the description agreeing well with what he was in his closing days: "He was not at all demonstrative but calm and deliberate, yet earnest and clear in his presentation of truth." The last sermon he preached, he delivered at Marvin M. E. Church, South, upon communion occasion. It was on a gospel theme and he was very happy in the service.

He was as calm in the face of death as he had ever been in life, retaining his love of humor to the last. He seemed to have not the remotest dread of the last enemy.

His funeral took place at Epworth M. E. Church, South, Washington, D. C., April 14, 1896. All of the ministers of our own Church in the city and many from the surrounding charges, being present, and taking part in the solemn but sweet service. He was buried in the Congressional Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

Brother Boteler leaves a wife and five children. All are members of the Methodist Church. One of his sons is an official member in the congregation where Brother Boteler completed his life, and which owes so much to his leadership.

Rev. ROBERT ROSS.

Brother Ross was born near Westernport in Allegany county, Md., and died, December 13, 1896, within a few miles of the place where he was born, about 84 years before.

He was converted as a boy, became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in his youth, and continued such until his admission into our Conference in 1868. He was a local preacher in the former Church, from 1850 to the time of his union with us. He appears to have been admitted as an elder.

Brother Ross' appointments and years of service were as follows: Admitted in 1868, he served two years on Flintstone Circuit and three years at Rainesburg. In 1873 he was received into full connection and appointed to Newcastle, where he remained four years. He served Catawba two years, James River one and Catawba again for four years; one year at Lafayette, two more at Newcastle, and three years on Botetourt Mission completed his active work in the ministry. In 1890, at the Conference at St. Paul's Church in Baltimore, he superannuated.

Since his retirement, to the time of his death, his home has been with his brother, Henry Ross, near Westernport, Md.

Among those who knew him intimately, Brother Ross was held in high esteem for his Christian character, and was reckoned a preacher of ability. The brethren who visited him shortly before his death, found him strong in the faith, fond of the Word and cheerful under affliction. Seven months of continuous suffering, tried and proved his patience and Christian fortitude.

He sleeps on the summit of one of his native mountains; his grave almost as lonely as that on distant Nebo. Future generations will scarcely care to find it, or caring will not be able. But the hope of a better resurrection is his, and, on some greater Transfiguration day, with Moses and Elias, and all the company of the Redeemed, he will appear with the Lord in His glory.

Rev. JOSEPH H. TEMPLE.

Rev. Joseph H. Temple was born in Pendleton County, Virginia, February 21, 1828. His parents were Harry F. and Elizabeth Temple. He was converted under the preaching of Rev. Samuel Regester, and united with the M. E. Church, 1854.

August 20, 1850, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Bruffey of Rockingham County, Va. She was reared in the Presbyterian faith, but after the conversion of her husband, and upon his admission on trial into the Western Virginia Conference, June 1, 1855, she cheerfully accepted the lot of an itinerant's wife, and, with a fidelity and devotion which never faltered; shared with him his toils and trials until her death, which occurred September 1, 1889.

His first appointment was in charge of Weston Circuit, 1855, and West Union, 1856. In 1857 he was admitted into full connection, ordained deacon by Bishop Simpson, and returned to West Union; 1858, he was sent to Ripley and Mill Creek; 1859, was ordained elder by Bishop Morris at the Conference, held in Parkersburg, Va., and returned to Ripley. His health failing, he was placed in 1860 on the supernumerary list, from which he was transferred to the superannuated relation in 1862. When the Baltimore Conference met at Bridgewater, Va., 1864, he was received and placed on the supernumerary list. He was continued in this relation until 1867,

when he became effective, and was appointed to South River Circuit, Md. He spent two years on this work, and in 1869 had charge of Salem and Bethel Circuit, Va. His subsequent appointments were as follows: 1870-1, Lexington Circuit; 1872-3, Big Lick; 1874, Bridgewater; 1875, Mount Sidney; 1876-7, Stafford; 1878, Trappe; 1879, Charles and St. Mary's; 1880-3, Frederick, Va.; 1884-5, Crab Bottom; 1886-9, Wardensville, W. Va.; 1890-1, Staunton Circuit Mission.

February 15, 1891, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth C. Baskin, who survives him.

1892 he was granted a superannuated relation, in which he remained until his death.

The health of Brother Temple was never robust, but he was "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." He was a good preacher, sound in doctrine, thoroughly committed to the work of the ministry and wise and prudent in administration.

He was a man of few words, grave and somewhat reserved in manner, "giving no offense that the ministry be not blamed."

Those who knew him best, placed a high estimate on his character. Beneath his seeming reserve he had a warm and loving heart, and needed only to be long enough with a people to grow in their confidence and affection. His ministry was not without fruit. Souls were awakened and brought to God under his preaching; the standard of Christian living was elevated by his upright example; and, through his instrumentality, church enterprises were wisely guided to successful completion.

His health steadily declined through the five years of his retirement from the active work. For ten months before his death he was confined to his bed. When the end came it was in peace. He died, March 27, 1897, during the session of the Annual Conference, at Staunton. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. H. Whisner, D. D., and Rev. Jas. H. Boyd, D. D., March 29, 1897, at Churchville, Va. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

JOHN W. NUMSEN.

Resolved, That we deem it but proper to express in this form our deep sense of the loss we have sustained by the removal from our midst, during the past year, of Brother John W. Numsen, a prominent and influential layman of our Church, long and actively associated with us in our Conference sessions.

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize and appreciate the faithful and efficient service he rendered through successive years in his official relations as Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance, and of the Conference Benevolent Society, as well as his devotion to the Church in all her interests. Though unexpectedly stricken down in the midst of an active and useful life, we feel assured that his sudden departure was only a happy surprise into the presence and joy of his Lord, and a speedier entrance upon the reward of the "good and faithful servant."

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the minutes of the Conference with the other memorial tributes of this occasion, and that a copy of them be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, with the assurance of our sincere sympathy with them in their great sorrow.

Resolved, That inasmuch as special reasons have prevented the preparation of memoirs of Rev. Joshua Marsden Grandin, a superannuated preacher of this Conference, who died during the past year, and of Rev. Joseph H. Temple, also a superannuate, whose death has been so recently announced to the Conference, that the members of the Committee on Memoirs in the districts, respectively, where these brethren died, be requested to prepare suitable obituary notices of these brethren and publish the same in the minutes.

SAMUEL K. COX, *Chairman*.

CARLTON D. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

IN MEMORIAM.

Our Brethren who have fallen on sleep since 1866.

*"They * * rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."*

NAME.	Ent'd Conf.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME.	AGE.	IN MIN- ISTRY.
Eldridge R. Veitch.....	1831	Stephens' City, Va.....	1867, Feb. 10...	57	36
David Trout.....	1837	Front Royal Va.....	1869, Dec. 6....	74	32
Daniel H. Parrish.....	1855	Baltimore Ci. y.....	1871, Feb.....	37	16
John L. Gibbons.....	1820	Baltimore C., Md.....	1871, July.....	70	51
David Shoaff.....	1848	Woodstock, Va.....	1871, May 26...	48	23
Stephen Smith.....	1830	Berkeley Springs, Va.....	1871, Oct. 9....	69	41
James D. Nally, (prob.)....	1870	Bladensburg, Md.....	1871.....	26	1
William G. Cross.....	1846	Leesburg, Va.....	1873, Aug. 4....	51	27
John W. Bull.....	1843	Alexandria, Va.....	1873, Dec. 25...	54	30
Lewis Henley, (prob.)....	1873	Greenbrier Co., W. Va....	1874, Jan. 19...	24	1
Richard S. Shreve.....	1869	Botetourt Co., Va.....	1874, June 25...	34	5
William S. Baird.....	1842	Frederick Co., Va.....	1874, Aug. 3....	59	32
Lorenzo D. Nixon.....	1854	Loudon Co., Va.....	1875, Jan. 28...	63	21
James F. Liggett.....	1855	Churchville, Va.....	1875, April.....	44	20
Foushee C. Tebbs.....	1845	Poolsville, Md.....	1875, Nov. 18...	55	30
Jason P. Etchison.....	1852	Arlington, Md.....	1876, May 31...	55	24
Norval Wilson..	1821	Near Charlestown, W. Va..	1876, Aug. 9....	73	55
Henry C. Pitzer.....	1872	Covington, Va.....	1877, Feb. 8....	32	5
William G. Coe.....	1854	Lewisburg, Va.....	1877, March 29...	45	23
Dabney Ball.....	1843	Baltimore City.....	1878, Feb. 15...	58	35
William J. Perry.....	1858	Staunton, Va.....	1878, May 12...	39	20
John N. Gray.....	1860	Hampshire Co., W. Va....	1878, Oct. 18...	39	18
George G. Brooke.....	1829	Berryville, Va.....	1878, Dec. 8....	69	49
James Higgins.....	1867	Baltimore City.....	1879, Feb. 13...	70	12
Thomas B. Sargent.....	1825	Baltimore City.....	1879, Oct. 13...	74	54
Wm. H. Wheelwright.....	1846	Warren Co., Va.....	1879, Dec. 17...	55	33
Michael P. Scanlan.....	1874	Waverly, Md.....	1879, Dec. 26...	26	5
John L. Gilbert.....	1842	Brucetown, Va.....	1880, Jan. 28...	61	38
Ezra F. Busey.....	1842	Baltimore City.....	1880, May 13...	60	38
Jehu Hank.....	1828	Monroe Co., W. Va.....	1880, July 7....	79	52
Enoch G. Jamison.....	1841	Newport, Va.....	1880, Dec. 10...	60	39
Benjamin Arbogast.....	1857	Winchester, Va.....	1881, March 31...	50	24
George B. Allen.....	1861	Harford Co., Md.....	1881, Sept. 4....	51	20
Samuel Register.....	1840	Prince George's Co., Md..	1881, Oct. 17...	63	41
S. Samuel Roszell.....	1838	Fauquier Co., Va.....	1882, April 27...	66	44
John Poisal.....	1827	Baltimore City.....	1882, June 25...	75	55
Edward G. Vandiver.....	1876	Lewisburg, W. Va.....	1883, Sept. 3....	31	7
Samuel Kepler.....	1827	Baltimore City.....	1884, Aug. 1....	80	57
William H. Wilson.....	1844	Washington City.....	1884.....	60	40
Charles L. Torreyson.....	1859	Fairfield, Va.....	1885, April 29...	52	26
Alexander B. Blue.....	1876	Rockbridge Baths. Va.....	1885, June 6....	34	9
James H. March.....	1842	Middletown, Va.....	1885, July 30...	65	43
George M. Lightner.....	1868	Falmouth, Va.....	1886, Feb. 14...	81	18
Frank M. Strother.....	1877	Markham, Va.....	1886, Oct. 29...	34	9
Leonidas R. Greene.....	1876	Roanoke City, Va.....	1886, Nov. 23...	33	10
William L. Lynch.....	1872	Berryville, Va.....	1887, March 26...	45	15
S. Holland Engle, (prob.)	1886	Berryville, Va.....	1887, June 12...	22	1
Thomas Hildebrand.....	1838	Monterey, Va.....	1887, Nov. 28...	71	49
Joseph N. Spangler.....	1845	Baltimore City.....	1887, Dec. 27...	67	42
James Beatty.....	1850	Moorefield, W. Va.....	1888, April 18...	61	38
John S. Martin.....	1835	Baltimore City.....	1888, July 8....	73	53
William R. Stringer.....	1855	Reistertown, Md.....	1888, Nov. 15...	54	33
Lewis C. Miller.....	1863	Harrisonburg. Va.....	1889, April 25...	49	26
Gilson Mauzy.....	1851	Rockingham Co., Va.....	1889, Nov.....	75	38
George R. Jefferson.....	1855	Parnassus, Va.....	1890, Jan. 8....	57	35
Wm. T. Quinn.....	1856	Baltimore City.....	1890, Feb. 26...	61	34
Andrew Robey.....	1860	Edinburg, Va.....	1890, March 14...	67	30

IN MEMORIAM—Continued.

NAME.	Ent'd Conf.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME.	A GE.	IN MIN- ISTRY.
Paris M. Henderson, (Pr.)	1889	Catawba, Roanoke Co., Va.	1890, April 13..	22	1
Samuel S. Troy.....	1882	Franklin, Va.....	1890, July 12..	29	8
Maurice C. Mehrling, (Pr.)	1888	Near Frederick City, Md..	1890, Sep. 13..	22	2
John W. Ewan.....	1853	Washington, D. C.....	1890, Dec. 29..	59	38
Alfred A. Eskridge.....	1830	Staunton, Va.....	1891, Jan. 16..	92	62
Francis A. Richey.....	1843	Woodstock, Va.....	1891, Feb. 21..	73	48
John Landstreet.....	1848	Martinsburg, W. Va.....	1891, Nov. 21..	73	48
Presley B. Smith.....	1853	California.....	1891, June 1....	59	38
Edward F. Heterick.....	1857	Frederick Co., Va.....	1891, May 28..	70	34
Henry Hoffman.....	1841	Keyser, W. Va.....	1892, Jan. 12..	78	41
John C. Dice.....	1848	Upperville, Va.....	1892, April 5..	71	44
R. Stewart Cunningham...	1877	Monterey, Va.....	1892, Dec. 22..	38	16
Samuel D. Benningt n....	1891	Springfield, W. Va.....	1892, Sep. 20..	61	36
Charles M. Brown.....	1875	Front Royal, Va.....	1893, June 7....	40	18
George Stevenson.....	1841	Stephens' City, Va.....	1893, July 8....	83	52
William W. Hedrick.....	1875	Newport, Va.....	1893, Oct. 10..	66	18
Samuel W. Haddaway.....	1869	Washington, D. C.....	1893, Oct. 26..	43	24
William A. Wade.....	1868	Washington, D. C.....	1893, D. c. 4..	67	25
M. G. Balthis.....	1861	New Market, Md.....	1894, June.....	57	33
John W. Wolfe.....	1846	Springfield, W. Va.....	1894, June 6..	69	48
Samuel Rodgers.....	1848	Baltimore, Md.....	1894, Nov. 1....	69	46
Milton M. Long.....	1887	Berkeley Springs, W Va..	1894, Dec. 30..	37	8
David Thomas.....	1833	Baltimore, Md.....	1895, Jan. 3....	87	62
William K. Boyle.....	1860	Hyattsville, Md.....	1895, Feb. 20..	55	35
Silas R. Snapp.....	1867	Cedarville, Va.....	1895, March 10.	61	28
John W. Boteler.....	1851	Washington,.....	1896, April 12..	67	45
Joshua M. Grandin.....	1845	Contee's, Md.....	1896.....	82	51
Robert Ross.....	1858	Alleghany Co., Md.....	1896, Dec. 13..	84	28
Joseph H. Temple.....	1855	Churchville, Va.....	1897, Mar 27..	69	42

ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your committee has carefully reviewed the different publishing interests of the Church, and are pleased to report so favorably of their success, notwithstanding the increased financial pressure through which we have passed.

Our publishing house shows a steady growth, and a safe and wise management. Our publications compare favorably with others, in every respect, and deserve our liberal support. We must see to the mental feeding of our people, old and young.

It is our own literature which gives nourishment, growth and stimulant to the intellectual and moral development of the highest type of our true Methodism. As our people read and think, so they will live and act. Knowledge is power for good or for evil.

We therefore recommend our own books and literature generally, to the patronage of our people, and hope that our Sunday School and Epworth League workers will heartily support and freely circulate our own literature throughout the Church.

The "Nashville Advocate" commends itself more and more to our patronage and our praise. It is a power for good, in representing our great connectional interests. It is manly, independent and charitable in advocating the doctrines and the economy of our church. It materially supports in its circulation the worthiest claimants of the Church. It ought to have many more subscribers among us. We recommend a large circulation of this useful paper throughout the bounds of our Conference.

The "Methodist Review" under the very able and earnest management of its wise and gifted editor, has increased in its circulation, is self-sustaining, and is now recognized as standing in the front rank of the periodicals of its kind. We hope that our preachers and laymen will read and circulate this most excellent "Review."

In the Sunday School there has been an increase in the carefully selected libraries, and there are now thirteen of such libraries, and a long list of approved volumes besides, from which to supply our Sunday Schools with books. We recommend the purchasing of our Sunday School books from our own house.

The "Sunday School Magazine" deserves the patronage of our Sunday School teachers; it is a great help in the preparation of the lessons, and we commend it to the teachers.

There has been an increased improvement in our Missionary publications, so much needed in giving information and encouragement to our missionary work.

We cannot sow too largely this missionary seed corn of life, over the entire field of the Church. It is only through this sowing, that we may look for a full harvest.

We recommend every effort in publishing and circulating missionary truth.

The "Review of Missions" and the "World for Christ," are valuable publications in instructing and inspiring our missionary workers. They are so cheap that there need be no lack of supply.

The "Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society," so active in providing homes for our ministers and their families, has, as the organ of their society, "Our Homes," so well edited by Miss Lucinda B. Helm, published at Nashville Tenn. We heartily recommend this valuable paper to the women of our Church.

We are pleased to note a large sale of the course of Epworth reading.

The "Eminent Methodist" series of booklets, issued by the department, has had encouraging sale. With the growth of the League, the "Epworth Era," will increase in its circulation.

We recommend our own Epworth publications to our League workers.

The "Baltimore Christian Advocate," our Conference organ, comes nearest to our homes and our attention. We feel deeply interested in its growth and success. It is our weekly visitor and teacher, giving us our home and general news. We appreciate the services of our faithful and efficient editor, and suggest that the paper would be more effective in the accomplishment of the object of its mission, by the insertion of more connectional news, namely, our mission fields &c, and more frequent general editorials.

We commend the editorial policy, in defending and guarding the interests of our beloved Methodism, and would recommend the re-appointment of Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, as editor of the paper.

JOHN A. ANDERSON, *Chairman*.

E. H. HENRY, *Secretary*.

ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

The Committee on District Conference Records submit the following report:

Baltimore District—Records neat, clear and properly signed.

East Baltimore District—Records in excellent condition and properly signed.

Washington District—Records well kept and properly signed.

Winchester District—Records well and neatly kept.

Rockingham District—Records in good condition and well kept.

Roanoke District—Records are a model of neatness and their form is especially recommended.

Lewisburg District—Records properly kept and signed.

Moorefield District—Records are neat, but the roll is missing and the secretary failed to sign the records

W. L. SMITH, *Chairman*

J. HARRY SMITH, *Secretary*.

ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee beg leave, respectfully, to submit the following report:

Measuring the field of responsibility of a Christian body, and seeing it commensurate with the wide spread ravages of intemperance, this Conference would pronounce with more emphatic denunciation than ever before, that the habitual use, the vending, and the manufacture of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, incompatible with the Spirit and teaching of the Word of God, and is destructive of all the best interest of society; that it presents the most formidable obstacle in the advance of the Church, and threatens the very heart and purity of our holy religion.

The vice has fastened itself on the very vitals of our country. It is growing and spreading. It is multiplying in alarming ratio the unhappy victims of disease, pauperism and crime. The evil gives root and vigor to every vice, poisoning domestic happiness, blighting innocent childhood, and corrupting all sources of national legislation. The evil is putting on a bolder front, and is now demanding, as a right, the license to slaughter unprotected millions of our citizens, and does not scruple in the work to mass vast capital for the avowed purpose of purchasing the exclusive

privilege of sustaining saloons, and brothels, and gambling hells, imperiling our homes, our children, and the glorious inheritance of liberty so dearly bought by the blood of our fathers. Patriotism is at a low discount in the saloon, and Christianity is there trampled under the feet of blaspheming rioters.

The enormous destruction of grain in the manufacture of liquors advances the price of bread. It robs the poor of the world. The vast amount of productive capital thrown into this vortex and diverted from legitimate trade, the untold millions snatched from school houses and colleges, the crime, the riot and anarchy of large cities, the liquor trust and combinations sustaining distillers; the ruinous strikes in factories, and the suspension of wholesome trades, warn the whole country in tones that can not be misunderstood; and also appeal to the Church, that the most sacred duties of life are imperiled by intemperance, that a blasted conscience is offered in exchange for the peace of God, and the utter ruin of soul for everlasting life. Intemperance is one of the greatest sins of the world. It is the mother of atheism. Nothing prevents the masses, and the working people, and poor men from attending the house of worship more than the use of intoxicating liquors. If saloons were closed, Churches would be crowded.

As ministers of the Gospel, we are the commissioned guardians of society, of childhood, of exposed womanhood, and of the good morals of the commonwealth. We therefore, most earnestly protest against any encouragement of the evils of intemperance. The fatal history of the traffic running back for almost a century, demands of Christian people a decided stand against every form of licensing the evil of intemperance; and we would express the profound convictions of this body in the following resolutions:

1. We call the attention of our people to the discipline in paragraph 216.
 "Let all our preachers and members abstain from the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, to be used as a beverage, from signing petitions for such sale, in becoming bondsmen for any person as a candidate for obtaining license, and from renting property to be used for such sale. If any member shall violate any provision of this paragraph, he shall be deemed guilty of immorality. It shall be the duty of the pastor to deal with the offender. Chapter VII, section V.
2. That the word of God forbids, and that the legislation of the Church is directly opposed to the use, the traffic and the manufacture of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.
3. That we call upon our people to co-operate in all prudent measures that look to the extirpation of this fatal vice; and we recommend them to put themselves in sympathy and afford help in securing wise legislation for the prohibition of the manufacture and saloon sales of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.
4. That we recommend a Temperance meeting be held at least once a year in our several charges, especially in the interest of the young people, or that a discourse be delivered on the subject, and that temperance literature be circulated.
5. That we earnestly invite our people throughout the Conference bounds to invoke the Great Head of the Church to arouse us to watchfulness against the encroachments of this evil, to keep the Church in purity, and to stay the ravages of intemperance throughout our beloved country.
6. That we request the newspapers within the Conference limits to publish this report.

J. T. WIGHTMAN, *Chairman*...

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on Bible Cause deeply appreciating the great importance of the work committed to it, begs leave to make the following report :

From representations made to us, there exists to-day, in the States represented in our Conference a deplorable proportion of homes without the Bible, and in families too poor to purchase it. We have no figures from the Maryland Bible Society, but from the last annual report of the Virginia Bible Society, we quote the following: "Some of our colporteurs report one out of seven families without the Bible, and one reports for his section one out of three," and the Society places the average for the State, at "one out of fifteen."

We feel that the responsibility of this matter rests upon every Evangelical Church, and it behooves us to urge greater and more earnest exertions for the Bible Cause, and to this end we call especial attention to the requirements of the General Conference, and recommend that in each quarterly Conference, special stress be laid upon the 16th question, and that our pastors emphasize this most important work in the evangelizing of the world, as provided in paragraph 134 of the Discipline. We regret that from the reports received, on many of our Quarterly Conference records, the question, "What are we doing for the American Bible Society" must be answered "Nothing," as sixty-four charges make no report.

The amount received this year is \$360, from the following charges :

Baltimore District: Central, \$23; Arlington, \$9; Freedom, \$5; Rockville, \$10; Gaithersburg, \$2; Emory, \$1; Wesley Grove, \$6; Patuzent, \$1; Linganore, \$2—Total, \$59.

East Baltimore District: Calvary, \$4; North Baltimore, \$3; Taylor's, \$8; East Harford, \$3; Kent, \$1; Queen Anne's \$4; Church Hill, \$2; Chesapeake, \$6; West River, \$2; Calvert, \$1; Prince George, \$1—Total, \$35.

Washington District: Marvin, \$5; Falls Church, \$13; Loudoun, \$21; Hamilton, \$15; Hillsboro, \$1; Middleburg, \$2; Sterling, \$3; Marshal, \$3; Warrenton, \$3; Sudley, \$3;—Total, \$69.

Winchester District: Winchester, \$3; Frederick, \$2; Middletown, \$1; Strasburg, \$5; Edinburg, \$1; Front Royal and Riverton, \$4; Warren, \$1; Linden, \$3; White Post, \$2; Berryville, \$11; Brucetown, \$1; Darkville, \$1; Martinsburg, \$3; Charlestown, \$5; Jefferson, \$2; Shepherdstown, \$6.—Total, \$51.

Rockingham District: Harrisonburg, \$12; Bridgewater, \$12; Parnassus, \$2; West Augusta, \$5; New Hope, 1; Rockingham, \$2; East Rockingham, \$2; Port Republic, \$1; Shenandoah, \$2; Luray, \$4; New Market, \$2; Mt. Jackson, \$1; Marksville, \$1; Fairfield, \$3.—Total, \$51.

Roanoke District: St. James, \$4; Fincastle, \$1; Rockbridge, \$1; Lexington, \$4; Blacksburg, \$2; Newport, \$2; Newcastle, \$1.—Total, \$15.

Lewisburg District: Blue Sulphur, \$3; Hinton, \$8; Greenville, \$5; Ronceverte and W. Sulphur, \$1; Alvon, \$2; Allegany, \$1; Covington, \$2; Millboro, \$2; Huntersville, \$2; Hot Springs, \$2.—Total, \$28.

Moorefield District: Moorefield, \$3; Franklin, \$1; Crab Bottom, \$1; Keyser, \$7; Elk Garden, 2; Piedmont, \$3; Frostburg, \$3; Flintstone, 2; Romney, \$8; Springfield, \$2; Hardy, \$1; Morgan, \$1; Gainesboro, \$2; Wardensville, \$1; Capon Bridge, \$10; Liston, \$1; Monterey, \$1; McDowell, \$3.—Total, \$52. Grand Total, \$360.

We would respectfully call attention to, and lay especial emphasis upon, the resolution adopted at the last annual Conference, directing that remittances be made direct to the several State societies, as soon as collected, taking the agent's receipt.

The committee further recommends that fifty dollars (\$50) of the money raised in the Maryland work be appropriated to constitute Rev. John A. Anderson a life director in the Maryland Bible Society.

J. M. BERRY, JR., *Secretary.*

WM. S. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

TITLE AND FORM OF BEQUEST.

To the Corporate Board of Finance:

In the name of God. Amen.—

I, (A—,) being of sound mind and memory, do constitute this my last will and testament.

Item. I devise and bequeath the sum of \$———, (or the following property, to wit: describe the property, and give full power to sell or dispose of the same,) to the "*Corporate Board of Finance of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Baltimore City,*" its successors and assigns, under the following trusts and conditions, to receive said sum of \$———, (or property,) and pay the interests and profits of the same; or the principal, or so much thereof as said corporation may deem advisable, to the Superannuated Ministers, and to the Widows and Orphans of deceased ministers of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in such sum or sums to each, and at such times, as to said corporation may seem best. (If property, to pay the rents and profits, or the proceeds of sale of said property, &c., &c.)

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal this——day of——, 18——.

A B. [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed and published in our presence, who, at his (her) request, in his (her) presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto affixed our names, as witnesses hereto.

C. D. [SEAL.]
E. F. [SEAL.]
G. H. [SEAL.]

TABLE No. 1.

		MEMBERSHIP.												
		BALTIMORE DISTRICT.				MEMBERS.		ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.				
		Local Preachers.	White.	Colored.	Total Members this Year.	Total Members last Year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	By Withdrawal.	Total Removals.
	District Property.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Central & Caernarvon....	1	321	..	322	321	12	24	4	23	..	4	4	35
2	St. Paul's & Wilkens Ave.	1	618	..	619	621	19	16	9	9	..	13	4	35
3	Emmanuel.....	1	311	..	312	383	10	7	1	19	..	58	..	78
4	Frederick Ave.....	..	80	..	80	81	..	3	2	2	..	..	..	4
5	Arlington and Sudbrook..	..	194	..	194	190	15	5	1	2	..	4	9	16
6	Reisterstown.....	1	160	..	161	183	7	1	7	18	..	3	2	30
7	Freedom.....	..	383	..	383	321	8	3	7	2	..	..	..	9
8	Linganore.....	..	361	..	361	368	5	3	..	3	..	5	..	8
9	Frederick City.....	1	108	..	109	116	2	2	2	3	..	7	..	12
10	Brunswick.....	..	90	..	90	90	6	..	..	..	..	2	4	6
11	Rockville.....	..	504	..	504	499	11	3	5	4	..	..	..	9
12	Gaithersburg.....	1	321	..	322	319	8	5	3	7	..	..	..	10
13	Montgomery.....	..	395	..	395	413	27	11	17	9	..	27	2	55
14	Beltsville.....	1	170	..	171	173	14	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
15	Hyattsville.....	..	180	..	180	242	4	2	2	2	..	10	48	62
16	Emory.....	..	62	..	62	59	1	4	1	1	..	..	..	2
17	Wesley Grove.....	1	333	..	334	290	33	13	1	1	..	..	..	2
18	Laurel.....	..	272	..	272	242	29	8	4	2	1	..	..	7
19	Patuxent.....	..	231	..	231	224	18	4	6	4	..	1	..	11
20	Forest Grove.....	..	106	..	106	112	11	10	4	..	..	23	..	27
	Total.....	8	5200	..	5208	5307	240	125	76	112	1	133	97	419
EAST BALTIMORE.														
	District Property.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Trinity.....	4	475	..	479	537	7	28	2	25	..	70	..	97
2	Calvary.....	2	299	..	301	283	34	20	7	20	..	..	2	29
3	North Baltimore.....	..	93	..	93	111	..	1	..	10	3	..	..	13
4	Taylor's and Roland Park..	..	145	..	145	126	13	10	2	8	..	..	..	10
5	West Harford.....	..	106	..	106	106	2	1	..	2	..	..	1	3
6	East Harford.....	1	127	..	128	129	..	7	..	1	..	..	1	2
7	Kent.....	..	116	..	116	140	..	3	2	1	..	24	..	27
8	Queen Anne's.....	..	268	..	268	259	34	2	6	2	..	8	10	26
9	Church Hill.....	..	186	..	186	179	36	2	2	11	..	..	18	31
10	Hillsboro.....	..	155	..	155	152	9	3	1	5	..	2	1	9
11	Easton and Caroline.....	1	337	..	338	469	22	1	4	2	..	138	4	148
12	Trappe.....	1	157	..	158	160	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
13	Royal Oak.....	2	202	..	204	198	15	1	1	5	..	..	3	9
14	Seyern.....	..	174	..	174	231	5	5	4	2	..	58	..	64
15	Chesapeake.....	1	194	..	195	194	14	..	3	5	..	4	1	13
16	West River.....	..	166	..	166	167	6	..	1	1	..	..	2	4
17	Calvert.....	1	440	..	441	427	17	6	2	5	..	3	..	10
18	Prince George's.....	1	252	..	253	253	11	3	4	7	..	..	3	14
19	Charles.....	..	192	..	192	184	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
20	St. Mary's.....	..	89	..	89	88	6	..	4	2	..	..	..	6
	Total.....	14	4173	..	4187	4393	231	93	50	114	3	307	46	521

TABLE No. 1.

	BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.						
	Infants.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			PARSONAGES.		Value of other church property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
			Number Societies in charge.	No. of churches.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
1	13	2	2	2	\$ 21,000	1	\$1,500		\$ 255
2	59	2	2	2	47,000	1	3,500		450
3	6		1	1	18,000				
4	3		1	1	10,000				100
5	14	4	2	2	26,500	1	3,000	\$ 2,500	1,003
6	8		2	3	8 500	1	3,500		45
7	40	4	8	8	16,000	1	2,000	350	1,099
8	31		6	6	10,000	1	1,000	350	50
9	5	1	1	1	7,000				
10	15	2	1	1	2,200			200	475
11	23	3	5	4	12,000	1	3,500		180
12	20	1	3	3	7,000	1	2,500	600	200
13	9	7	8	6	11,400	1	1,100		282
14	16	2	2	2	6,700			200	245
15	24	1	4	4	7,400	1	2,200		290
16	16	1	3	1	8,500	1	3,500	250	64
17	18		5	5	6,800	1	1,600	1,650	229
18	24	3	3	3	4,000			500	150
19	34	2	4	4	5,000	1	1,000	675	46
20	11		4	4	3,500	1	1,000		120
	389	35	67	63	\$238,500	14	\$30,900	\$7,275	\$5,283
1	4		1	1	\$37,500	1	6,000		\$ 242
2	21	3	1	1	18,000	1	2,000		745
3	13		1	1	2,500				
4	16	4	4	4	6,500	1	1,600		
5	11	1	2	2	5,500	1	1,700		2,700
6	8		2	2	3,000	1	3,000		210
7	2		2	2	3,000	1	2,500	215	120
8	13	6	3	3	6,600	1	1,250		200
9	24		4	4	5,000	1	1,500		308
10	10		2	2	3,000	1	700		600
11	28	3	3	3	13,400			153	520
12	9		2	2	4,000	1	1,500	200	
13	10		3	3	4,500	1	500	250	260
14	22		4	5	3,000	1	1,200		375
15	23		4	3	6,400	1	2,000		98
16	22	1	2	2	3,000	1	1,500		221
17	43		6	6	9,000	1	1,500	500	375
18	19		5	5	4,450	1	2,000		870
19	8		3	4	5,600	1	1,000	175	
20	12	1	3	3	3,800				150
	318	19	57	58	\$147,700	17	\$31,450	\$1,493	\$7,894

TABLE No. 1.

	WASHINGTON DISTRICT.	MEMBERSHIP.										
		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.			
			White.	Colored.	Total members this year.	Total members last year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.
	District Property.....											
1	Mt Vernon & W. Wash..	6	886		892	886	33	76	18	63		23
2	Epworth.....	1	252		253	226	21	28	4	14		10
3	Marvin.....		207		207	191	20	9	3	2		17
4	Alexandria and Mission..		770		770	763	27	17	10	11		2
5	Fredericksburg		367		367	400	12	8	9	29		9
6	Falls Church	1	219		220	231	5	10				26
7	Leesburg.....		303		303	303	5	2	4	2		
8	Loudoun.....	1	561		562	557	40	5	9	11		19
9	Hamilton.		375		375	378	3	10	8	4		3
10	Hillsboro and Mission....		691		691	668	25	14	2	4		10
11	Middleburg.		277		277	257	30	9	4	3		2
12	Sterling.....	1	584		585	595	21	18	12	15		7
13	Fairfax.....	1	309	2	312	275	49	13	11	4		9
14	Marshall.....	1	527	1	529	474	137	4	3	8		73
15	Warrenton.....	1	220	2	223	221	9	5		8		3
16	Occoquan.....		377	1	378	351	35	12	5	4		11
17	Sudley and Manassas	1	493		494	474	44	13	6	16		10
18	Fauquier.....	2	332		334	351	35		4	4		
19	Stafford.....		432	1	433	410	28	10	10	3		1
20	Morrisville	1	320		321	329	2	2	5	1		9
	Total.....	17	8502	7	8526	8340	584	265	127	206		209
	WINCHESTER DISTRICT.											
	District Property											
1	Winchester		548		548	530	24	13	7	4		
2	Frederick.....		201		201	208	4	16	5	21	1	
3	Stephen's City		435		435	428	15		8			
4	Middletown.....	1	391		392	374	35	3	3	5		7
5	Strasburg		317		317	308	20	6	3	6		6
6	Woodstock	1	313		314	312	2	10	3	7		
7	Edenburg	1	368	1	370	382	1	1	2	7		5
8	Front Royal and Riverton	2	342		344	413	1	15	3	41		35
9	Warren		430	1	431	395	68	6	5	4		21
10	Linden.....		221		221	221	5	8	7	4		2
11	Page	1	343		344	297	59	5	3	6		8
12	White Post.....		186		186	184	6	3	2	4		
13	Berryville.....		303		303	288	13	7	2	3		
14	Brucetown.....		449		449	472	7	3	8	16	2	6
15	Darksville		365		365	401	25	18	5	23	1	4
16	Martinsburg.....	1	375		376	329	26	39	3	8		7
17	Berkeley.....	1	203		204	201	16		3	10		
18	Charlestown		344		344	344	21	10	5	16		10
19	Jefferson.....		240		240	269	5	6	3	8		12
20	Shepherdstown		483		483	497	19	14	15	12	1	7
	Total.....	8	6857	2	6867	6853	372	183	95	205	5	86

TABLE No. 1.

	BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.						
	Infants.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			PARSONAGES.		Value of other church property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
			Number Societies in charge.	No. of churches.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
1	21	7	1	1	\$60,000			\$5,000	
2	8	8	1	1	23,000				\$3,266
3	6	8	1	1	13,000				1,360
4	43	6	3	3	22,600	1	\$4,000		97
5	11	8	1	1	14,000	1	3,000	1,200	45
6	7	1	2	2	11,300	1	3,500		310
7	8	2	1	1	8,000	1	3,000	400	50
8	12	29	7	7	13,600	1	3,000	200	816
9	5	2	3	3	7,000	1	1,900	200	120
10	12	15	5	5	6,200	1	1,400		400
11	2	14	3	2	6,000	1	1,500	250	210
12	10	11	9	6	6,300	1	1,600		127
13	30	20	5	4	8,000	1	1,600	500	40
14	2	119	8	7	9,600	1	1,700	400	100
15	5	6	2	2	8,500	1	2,000	100	60
16	8	13	5	5	4,500	1	700		420
17	8	36	11	6	8,000	2	1,400	200	601
18	....	15	4	3	3,500	1	1,400		251
19	5	15	5	5	3,500	1	1,000	100	75
20	1	1	6	5	3,500	1	1,000		38
	204	336	83	70	\$ 240,100	18	\$33,700	\$ 8,550	\$8,386
1	9	7	1	1	\$ 8,000	*2	*\$8,000	*\$500	*\$410
2	3	1	5	4	3,625	....	....	150	178
3	6	10	6	5	8,900	1	1,000		150
4	26	10	3	2	3,200	1	2,000	1,380	1,380
5	....	10	4	3	4,000	1	1,000	1,250	1,125
6	4	2	2	2	6,775	1	2,500		1,020
7	....	1	3	3	8,000	1	1,200		216
8	....	....	2	2	11,000	1	2,500	600	107
9	....	44	8	5	3,000	1	800	200	218
10	13	....	4	4	5,700	....	....	874	636
11	....	52	7	3	1,800	1	750	75	401
12	3	1	5	5	4,500	1	1,000	150	233
13	5	5	3	3	7,550	1	1,200		174
14	11	3	7	7	7,150	1	1,200		150
15	9	14	4	4	6,000	....	....	300	200
16	5	3	1	1	12,000	1	6,000	2,500	358
17	11	2	3	2	3,500	1	850		390
18	15	5	2	2	9,500	1	4,000	500	1,112
19	7	....	4	2	4,000	....	....	150	25
20	9	5	6	5	11,250	1	1,500		610
	136	175	80	65	\$129,450	17	\$35,500	\$8,629	9,093

*District Parsonage included—Value \$4,000.

TABLE No. 1.

		ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.	MEMBERSHIP.												
			Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.					
				White.	Colored.	Total members this year.	Total members last year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	By Withdrawal.	Total Removals.
	District Property.														
✓ 1	Staunton.....	1	786	1	788	783	68	12	6	69					75
✓ 2	Harrisonburg		431		431	337	111	21	10	17		6	5	38	
✓ 3	Bridgewater	1	1030		1031	940	139	13	8	18		22	13	61	
✓ 4	Parnassus.....		252		252	252	7	2	2			4	1	9	
✓ 5	West Augusta.....		141		141	133	5	12				10		10	
✓ 6	Augusta.....	2	446		448	367	81	12	2	12		23		37	
✓ 7	Waynesboro.....		266		266	313	24	15	9	10		65	2	86	
✓ 8	New Hope.....		171	1	172	171	13		2	1		2	2	7	
✓ 9	Rockingham.....		266		266	286	8	5	4	8	3	11	2	28	
✓ 10	East Rockingham.....		331		331	326	11	6	5	4			4	13	
✓ 11	Elkton.....	1	246		247	151	35	64	4			19		23	
✓ 12	Port Republic.....	1	246		247	234	17	12	2	6			7	15	
✓ 13	Shenandoah.....	2	358		360	322	32	4	3	4		15	4	26	
✓ 14	Luray.....		219		219	230	1	2	1	10		3		14	
✓ 15	New Market... ..		219		219	212	14	2	1	6			2	9	
✓ 16	Mt. Jackson.....		130		130	133		3	1	3			1	5	
✓ 17	Marksville.....	2	236		238	238	8		2	1	2	2	1	8	
✓ 18	Fairfield.....	1	345		346	336	20	4	6	8				14	
✓ 19	Rockbridge Baths.....		227		227	225	6		2	1	1			4	
✓ 20	Bell's Valley.....		120	1	121	66	48	8	2	10				12	
	Total.....	11	6466	3	6480	6055	648	197	72	188	6	182	44	492	
ROANOKE DISTRICT.															
	District Property.. ..														
1	Salem		437	1	438	466	28	8	9	24	1	6	4	44	
2	Greene Memorial.....	2	687		688	669	28	58	6	37		21		64	
3	Trinity.....	1	213		214	215	6	24	2	24	1		4	31	
4	St. James.....	2	447		449	358	95	35	4	12		24		40	
5	Grace		281		281	210	60	42	2	22		4	3	31	
6	Roanoke Ct. & Belmont..	2	552		554	432	100	46	2	4		10		16	
7	Vinton.....		337	1	338	351	20	9	2	20		2		24	
8	Bethany.....		182		182	293	2	2	4	17		17		38	
9	James River		414		414	385	41	11	3	11	2	7		23	
10	Fincastle.....	1	326		327	245	50	69	2	13		18	2	35	
11	Botetourte.....	2	324		326	314	26	3	4	2		5		11	
12	Buena Vista& Rockbridge.		557		557	439	138	26	5	30		1	5	41	
13	Lexington	2	271		273	282	7	8	2	5				7	
14	Collierstown		198		198	197	9	8	1	9		3		13	
15	Elliston.....		454		454	391	82	4	10	6		61		77	
16	Christiansburg.		270		270	251	32	3	1	15				16	
17	Blacksburg.....	1	275		276	244	37	4	1	7			1	9	
18	Newport.....		654		654	766	50	4	12	4	8	40	2	66	
19	New Castle.....		250	3	253	280	3	4	2	5		26		33	
20	Catawba.	2	450		452	439	11	6				5	1	6	
	Total.....	15	7589	5	7609	7207	825	374	74	267	12	250	22	625	

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	BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.						
	Infants.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			PARSONAGES.		Value of other church property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
			Number Societies in charge.	No. of churches.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
1	8	29	3	3	\$ 32,000	*2	*\$9,000	*\$1,200	*\$1,307
2	3	60	1	1	11,000	1	2,300	1,800	280
3	6	107	10	10	11,200	1	800	.....	300
4	.....	5	4	4	4,100	1	1,000	.....	35
5	4	.....	5	5	3,500	.....	.....	75	162
6	2	44	5	5	4,500	1	1,100	.....	64
7	6	17	3	3	15,000	1	1,500	.....	137
8	1	7	2	3	2,500	1	700	200	55
9	3	7	5	3	2,500	1	600	.....	592
10	2	8	2	2	3,000	1	800	350	30
11	9	11	2	2	3,750	.....	.....	150	.....
12	3	8	5	5	4,350	1	500	200	685
13	13	17	3	3	4,500	2	2,600	250	173
14	1	1	1	1	3,000	1	1,800	1,200	.....
15	.....	9	4	3	4,500	1	1,000	.....	135
16	2	.....	3	3	4,900	1	2,000	113	2
17	.....	6	1	1	800	1	500	.....	44
18	2	10	5	5	3,500	1	700	.....	80
19	1	3	3	2	1,000	1	800	.....	175
20	16	29	4	2	800	1	800	210	140
	82	378	71	66	\$120,400	20	\$28,500	\$5,748	\$4,396
1	14	18	1	3	\$ 6,700	†2	†\$5,500	†\$ 752	†\$ 424
2	14	10	1	1	25,000	1	4,000	.....	4,445
3	13	1	1	1	10,000	.....	.....	200	550
4	9	75	1	1	2,000	.....	.....	1,200	376
5	14	37	1	1	6,606	1	1,100	.....	305
6	2	50	5	5	6,800	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	.....	6	1	1	2,000	1	2,000	300	85
8	.....	1	4	2	2 000	1	600	.....	30
9	.....	40	5	3	3,000	1	1,200	.....	490
10	1	28	4	4	7,000	1	2,000	.....	208
11	.....	22	6	5	6,000	2	2,000	.....	200
12	3	76	5	4	16,500	2	3,200	500	492
13	5	3	1	1	15,000	1	4,000	.....	1,640
14	.....	5	4	4	4,000	1	1,200	125	375
15	6	53	6	5	3,000	1	700	300	50
16	.....	25	1	2	10,000	1	2,000	.....	143
17	3	25	2	2	5,000	1	1,500	207	102
18	10	37	8	7	9,000	1	1,250	.....	1,000
19	.....	.....	5	3	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	4	5	8	1	1,200	.....	.....	600	126
	98	517	70	56	\$143,800	18	\$32,250	\$4,184	\$11,041

*Dist. Parsonages included.—Value \$5,000. †Dist Parsonages included.—Value \$3,000.

TABLE No. 1.

		MEMBERSHIP.												
		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.					
LEWISBURG DISTRICT.			White.	Colored.	Total Members this Year.	Total Members last Year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	By Withdrawal.	Total Removals.
	District Property.....													
1	Lewisburg.....		313		313	275	88	9	3	8		22	26	59
2	Frankford.....	1	470	1	472	526	19	9	6	22		42	14	84
3	Blue Sulphur.....		198		198	370	17	5	3	3		17	1	24
4	Green Sulphur.....		148	6	154		4	2				3	1	4
5	Hinton.....		279		279	286	2	8	6	5		9	3	23
6	Talcott.....		224		224	191	40	2		3	2		4	9
7	Alderson.....	2	204		206	226	5	9				34		34
8	Greenville.....		454		454	380	80	16	5	17				22
9	Union.....	1	446		447	342	113	5				7		7
10	Ronceverte & W. Sulphur.	1	383		384	330	40	26	5	2				7
11	Alvon.....	1	212	1	214	205	14	1		2		4	1	7
12	Alleghany.....		280		280	266	26	4	5	3		7		15
13	Covington.....	1	258		259	241	14	5	1	7	1	1		10
14	Clifton Forge.....	1	245		246	271	2	20	2	17		28		47
15	Millboro.....		119		119	104	16	2		2				2
16	Levelton.....		353		353	351	15	10	3	6		5	9	23
17	Huntersville.....		239		239	219	8	24	1	9			2	12
18	Green Bank.....		398		398	389	41	8	12	5		22	3	42
19	Gillett's.....	1	162		163	162	3	2		4				4
20	Hot Springs.....	1	112		113	112	9	3	4	1		6		11
	Total.....	10	5497	8	5515	5246	556	150	56	116	3	200	71	446
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.														
	District Property.....													
1	Moorefield.....		305		305	273	56	2	4	12				12
2	Petersburg.....	1	195		196	188	8	10	10	2			3	9
3	Franklin.....		314	1	315	316	12	3	4	5		1		16
4	Crab Bottom.....		292		292	280	22		5	4			2	10
5	Keyser.....		263		263	270	12	1	2	5		10		20
6	Elk Garden.....		166		166	172	8	4	3	10		6		18
7	Piedmont.....		210		210	224	10	4	3	4		20	1	28
8	Frostburg.....		215		215	155	57	9	2	2				5
9	Flintstone.....		185		185	190	5	1	2	2		6	1	11
10	Romney.....	2	679		681	618	64	13	6	8	1			11
11	Springfield.....	1	379		380	413	17	3	4	18	2	7		33
12	Slanesville.....	2	291	1	294	256	34	7	3					4
13	Hardy.....	2	406		408	407	12	2	6	1			7	11
14	Morgan.....	1	333		334	315	28	2	8	5				11
15	Gainsboro'.....		316		316	359	8	10		19		4	2	33
16	Wardensville.....	2	339		341	300	50	2				13		13
17	Capon Bridge.....		482	5	487	405	97	28	1	13		10	2	26
18	Listonburg.....	2	179		181	169	19	1	2	5			1	8
19	Monterey.....		331	1	332	345	15	2	3	5			22	30
20	McDowell.....		421		421	415	24	2				20		20
	Total.....	13	6301	8	6322	6070	558	106	68	120	3	97	41	329

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	BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.						
	Infants.	Adult.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			PARSONAGES.		Value of other church property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
			Number Societies in charge.	No. of churches.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
1	1	21	1	2	\$4,400	*2	*\$5,500	*\$ 557	*765
2	6	12	6	7	9,000	1	150	.....	226
3	3	8	6	6	3,000	1	600	.....	59
4	.....	3	2	1	750	1	300	.....	60
5	5	1	1	1	12,000	1	2,000	1,500	408
6	2	29	5	2	1,800	1	800	90	107
7	.....	2	3	3	4,400	1	1,500	.....	218
8	.....	49	10	4	3,240	1	1,000	412	472
9	3	23	7	6	8,400	1	1,500	.....	92
10	8	10	3	2	4,300	1	1,500	240	.....
11	6	2	4	3	1,500	1	450	20	400
12	4	23	4	4	2,000	1	500	.....	50
13	1	8	1	2	5,000	1	3,000	.....	148
14	2	.....	1	1	3,000	1	1,500	.....	188
15	5	5	6	2	1,000	1	650	1,650	330
16	7	9	5	4	3,200	1	1,600	200	257
17	1	2	6	3	3,000	.....	.....	.....	1,125
18	17	10	10	5	4,800	1	600	190	359
19	.....	2	4	2	1,500	1	400	.....	347
20	4	8	5	3	2,000	.....	.....	550	150
	75	227	90	63	\$78,290	19	\$20,550	\$5,409	\$5,761
1	2	32	4	4	\$ 6,000	1	\$ 3,500	\$500	\$241
2	10	1	5	4	5,000	1	1,000	250	10
3	30	6	5	3	4,500	1	1,500	200	315
4	26	.....	6	2	2,500	1	1,250	...	68
5	25	5	1	1	3,500	1	3,100	300	501
6	7	2	4	3	2,000	.....	.....	265	.....
7	6	4	1	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....	75
8	8	6	2	2	2 800	1	700	.....	211
9	18	.....	6	5	5,000	1	500	50	378
10	3	43	10	8	9,600	*2	*6,500	*200	*2,354
11	31	10	9	5	6,200	1	1,800	.....	212
12	13	21	7	6	3,900	.....	.....	.....	800
13	2	7	6	5	3,200	.....	.....	.....	87
14	54	6	6	6	3,925	1	1,000	300	150
15	2	6	6	5	3,750	1	900	.....	80
16	.....	25	7	3	3,600	1	800	480	700
17	1	77	8	3	3,500	1	1,100	600	629
18	8	12	6	5	3,500	1	550	.....	50
19	29	4	7	4	3,400	1	2,000	.....	800
20	3	15	6	5	6,000	1	1,000	500	150
	278	282	112	80	\$ 87,825	17	\$ 27,200	\$ 3,645	\$7,811

Including District Parsonage.—Value, \$4,000.

TABLE No. 1.
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.		MEMBERSHIP.												
		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS				ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.					
			White.	Colored.	Total members this year.	Total members last year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	By Withdrawal.	Total Removals.
1	Baltimore	8	5,200	..	5,208	5,307	240	125	76	112	1	133	97	419
2	East Baltimore....	14	4,173	..	4,187	4,393	231	93	50	114	3	307	46	520
3	Washington.....	17	8,502	7	8,526	8,340	584	265	127	206	..	209	68	610
4	Winchester.....	8	6,857	2	6,867	6,853	372	183	95	205	5	86	76	467
5	Rockingham	11	6,466	3	6,480	6,055	648	197	72	188	6	182	44	492
6	Roanoke.....	15	7,589	5	7,609	7,207	825	374	74	267	12	250	22	625
7	Lewisburg.....	10	5,497	8	5,515	5,246	556	150	56	116	3	200	71	446
8	Moorefield.....	13	6,301	8	6,322	6,070	558	106	68	120	3	97	41	329
	Total... ..	96	50,585	33	50,714	49,471	4,014	1,493	618	1,328	33	1,464	465	3,908
	Total last year...	100	49,332	39	49,471	47,803	4,404	1,491	...	...	...	...	...	3,584
	Increase.....	...	1,253	..	1,243	1,668	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	324
	Decrease.....	4	.....	6	.....	.....	390	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....

TABLE No. 2.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent paid or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.		Bishops.	
J. S. Hutchinson, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Central and Caernarvon.....	1450	1450	30	30	300	165	165	36	36
2	St. Paul's and Wilkens Ave.	2560	2560	.....	.....	400	230	230	50	51
3	Emmanuel	1200	1200	10	10	.....	150	150	33	24
4	Frederick Avenue.....	500	276	.....	.....	.....	45	24	10	3
5	Arlington and Sudbrook.....	1600	1600	.....	.....	300	115	115	26	26
6	Reisterstown.....	650	650	.....	.....	150	68	68	14	14
7	Freedom.....	950	926	.....	.....	120	115	112	25	25
8	Linganore.....	825	825	10	10	100	100	100	21	15
9	Frederick City.....	400	400	.....	.....	.....	40	40	9	9
10	Brunswick.....	205	143	.....	.....	120	12	12	2	2
11	Rockville	1200	1200	.....	.....	300	155	155	34	34
12	Gaithersburg.....	800	800	.....	.....	144	95	95	21	21
13	Montgomery.....	1000	932	16	13	120	115	107	25	21
14	Beltsville	600	521	.....	.....	.....	40	40	9	9
15	Hyattsville	800	600	.....	.....	180	80	60	18	13
16	Emory.....	500	435	.....	.....	180	50	40	11	7
17	Wesley Grove.....	750	750	.....	.....	100	90	90	20	20
18	Laurel	500	500	.....	.....	.....	30	30	7	5
19	Patuxent.....	500	441	.....	.....	75	65	55	14	12
20	Forest Grove.....	500	341	.....	.....	100	40	27	9	4
Total.....		17490	16550	66	63	2689	1800	1715	394	357

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent paid or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.		Bishops.	
J. E. Armstrong, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Trinity.....	2000	2000	.....	.....	600	300	300	55	55
2	Calvary.....	1000	1000	.....	.....	300	105	105	23	23
3	North Baltimore.....	400	410	.....	.....	.....	55	55	9	9
4	Taylor's and Roland Park...	850	825	26	19	150	72	70	13	13
5	West Harford	415	415	.....	.....	100	46	46	9	8
6	East Harford.....	550	464	25	14	150	72	57	15	3
7	Kent	500	500	25	.....	100	75	75	15	8
8	Queen Anne's.....	600	524	.....	.....	100	90	79	17	12
9	Church Hill.....	500	466	.....	.....	100	85	79	17	2
10	Hillsboro.....	475	425	.....	.....	75	50	45	11	6
11	Easton and Caroline.....	750	605	.....	.....	.....	105	83	25	10
12	Trappe	450	303	.....	.....	100	75	51	14	7
13	Royal Oak.....	570	502	14	14	30	55	48	11	8
14	Severn.....	550	500	12	6	96	75	65	14	4
15	Chesapeake	500	500	.....	.....	100	90	90	17	10
16	West River	400	241	.....	.....	75	44	27	8	5
17	Calvert.....	970	828	.....	.....	120	115	98	23	16
18	Prince George's.....	550	476	.....	.....	125	75	65	15	15
19	Charles.....	420	367	.....	.....	75	55	47	11	4
20	St. Mary's.....	300	277	.....	.....	.....	41	38	9	9
Total.....		12750	11628	102	53	2396	1680	1523	331	227

TABLE No. 2.

	Conference Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Missions.		Church Extens'n		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y	P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	173	173	216	216	135	135	52	52	34	34	23	8	8	2112	5210
2	241	241	300	300	188	188	72	72	48	48	.....	10	10	4147	9667
3	157	115	196	148	123	96	47	34	31	22	.....	7	5	1016	3218
4	47	14	59	15	37	7	14	1	9	2	.....	2	.....	.....	511
5	122	122	150	150	94	94	36	36	24	24	9	5	5	.....	4412
6	72	72	89	80	56	46	21	14	14	7	.....	3	3	.....	1282
7	122	75	150	95	94	55	36	20	24	15	5	5	3	.....	2736
8	105	51	131	50	82	44	31	10	21	10	2	4	2	171	1583
9	42	42	52	52	33	33	13	13	8	8	.....	2	2	.....	758
10	12	12	16	16	10	10	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	18	851
11	163	163	203	203	127	127	49	49	32	32	10	7	7	278	3006
12	100	80	124	96	78	40	31	18	20	12	2	4	4	.....	1742
13	121	90	150	75	94	37	36	20	24	.....	.....	5	.....	111	1927
14	42	35	53	42	33	20	13	5	8	4	.....	2	.....	.....	1116
15	84	40	104	55	66	27	25	10	16	12	2	3	.....	.....	1361
16	52	9	65	42	41	24	16	1	11	2	1	2	.....	.....	954
17	95	60	118	83	74	41	28	9	19	5	5	4	3	5	1644
18	31	10	40	25	25	12	9	5	6	3	.....	1	.....	300	1191
19	68	40	85	45	53	30	20	10	13	7	1	3	2	.....	924
20	42	15	52	20	33	12	13	5	8	3	.....	2	.....	25	708
	1,891	1,459	2,353	1808	1476	1078	565	387	372	232	61	80	55	8183	44801

	Conference Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Missions.		Church Exten.		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y	P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	270	270	320	320	199	199	73	73	51	51	.....	10	10	1945	6951
2	112	112	131	132	82	82	30	30	21	21	14	5	5	1743	4567
3	51	51	62	62	39	39	14	14	9	9	2	2	3	376	1173
4	67	57	80	50	50	35	19	10	13	10	8	3	2	.....	1404
5	40	39	47	47	29	29	12	12	8	8	.....	2	.....	90	3553
6	74	23	88	20	54	12	22	4	16	3	3	3	3	.....	1014
7	74	25	88	30	54	18	22	7	16	5	1	3	1	120	1060
8	84	58	97	97	61	28	24	5	16	9	4	4	2	104	1325
9	79	15	94	15	58	12	22	2	16	1	2	3	1	.....	982
10	56	15	66	18	42	10	15	3	10	1	.....	2	.....	.....	1233
11	99	35	103	35	67	30	30	10	20	8	.....	4	2	735	2282
12	69	20	82	18	51	7	19	3	13	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	584
13	55	42	61	35	41	23	15	7	10	5	.....	3	1	.....	1165
14	69	20	82	24	51	11	19	4	13	2	.....	3	.....	.....	1097
15	79	52	94	66	58	37	22	4	16	6	6	3	2	.....	1134
16	40	22	46	24	30	15	12	7	8	4	2	2	1	.....	677
17	109	42	129	70	79	25	30	10	22	10	1	5	2	.....	1756
18	74	40	88	44	54	27	22	8	16	8	1	3	1	.....	1756
19	53	10	63	10	40	10	14	4	9	4	.....	2	1	.....	559
20	36	22	42	21	29	16	12	6	8	4	.....	2	.....	24	593
	1,581	970	1,863	1,188	1,168	665	448	223	311	169	34	66	37	5137	34865

TABLE No. 2

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House Rent paid or rent value of parson-age.	Presiding Elder.		Bishops.	
Rumsey Smithson, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Mt. Vernon.....	2150	2150	.....	...	600	232	232	54	54
2	Epworth.....	1000	1000	.....	.....	.....	72	72	17	17
3	Marvin.....	1000	1000	25	25	.....	64	64	16	16
4	Alexandria & Mission.....	2000	2000	.....	.....	400	178	178	42	42
5	Fredericksburg.....	1000	1000	.....	.....	250	116	116	27	27
6	Falls' Church.....	900	900	.....	.....	150	90	90	21	21
7	Leesburg.....	800	800	10	10	200	90	90	21	10
8	Loudoun.....	1100	1069	.....	.....	200	122	118	29	29
9	Hamilton.....	600	540	.....	.....	125	80	72	18	10
10	Hillsborough & Miss....	850	850	.....	.....	60	90	90	21	21
11	Middleburg.....	700	650	.....	.....	150	80	71	18	10
12	Sterling.....	800	800	.....	.....	75	76	76	17	15
13	Fairfax.....	650	650	.....	.....	100	72	72	16	16
14	Marshall.....	775	725	.....	.....	150	90	84	21	21
15	Warrenton.....	550	500	.....	.....	150	72	65	16	12
16	Occoquan.....	575	575	.....	.....	60	56	56	14	14
17	Sudley and Manassas.....	1000	957	.....	.....	152	92	89	20	18
18	Fauquier.....	500	459	.....	.....	100	56	52	11	8
19	Stafford.....	500	440	.....	.....	50	38	33	7	5
20	Morrisville.....	300	258	.....	.....	25	34	30	6	2
Total.....		17750	17323	35	35	2997	1800	1750	412	368

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent paid or rent value of parson-age.	Presiding Elder.		Bishops.	
J. W. Duffey, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Winchester.....	1200	1200	75	75	250	152	153	31	31
2	Frederick.....	500	411	.....	.....	40	50	41	10	5
3	Stephens' City.....	750	750	.....	.....	100	87	87	18	14
4	Middletown.....	700	700	.....	.....	100	76	76	16	16
5	Strasburg.....	600	600	.....	.....	75	42	42	9	9
6	Woodstock.....	1000	1000	.....	.....	150	100	100	21	21
7	Edinburg.....	500	450	.....	.....	100	49	42	10	5
8	Front Royal and Riv..	800	800	15	15	150	108	108	22	22
9	Warren.....	500	323	16	10	50	43	27	9	6
10	Linden.....	400	343	.....	.....	.....	43	37	9	3
11	Page.....	421	421	.....	.....	60	54	54	11	4
12	White Post.....	400	383	.....	.....	100	54	51	11	7
13	Berryville.....	700	700	.....	.....	100	76	76	16	9
14	Brucetown.....	617	561	28	28	100	76	71	16	16
15	Darksville.....	509	484	.....	.....	40	65	62	13	7
16	Martinsburg.....	1000	1000	.....	.....	300	92	92	19	19
17	Berkeley.....	600	550	.....	.....	75	57	52	12	7
18	Charles Town.....	800	825	.....	.....	250	86	86	18	18
19	Jefferson.....	500	500	.....	.....	.....	54	54	10	7
20	Shepherdstown.....	889	717	12	12	75	86	69	18	10
Total.....		13386	12718	146	140	2115	1450	1380	299	236

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	Conference Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Missions.		Church Exten.		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y.	P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	260	260	326	326	206	206	78	78	51	61	.....	10	.....	2,786	8,008
2	80	80	103	103	62	62	24	24	16	16	.....	3	.....	444	5,283
3	70	70	91	91	56	56	21	21	14	14	5	3	3	319	3,282
4	200	200	251	251	157	157	60	60	38	38	5	8	...	508	4,644
5	130	136	162	162	102	102	40	40	26	26	9	5	5	35	2,383
6	100	100	126	126	80	80	31	31	21	21	13	4	4	.....	2,267
7	101	50	126	68	80	45	31	15	20	10	...	4	2	250	1,795
8	136	140	171	175	108	108	41	41	28	28	.....	5	5	.....	2,958
9	90	46	113	47	70	25	28	10	16	6	...	4	2	31	1,092
10	101	50	126	40	80	10	31	4	20	5	1	4	1	365	2,007
11	90	50	113	45	70	30	28	10	16	...	2	4	...	29	1,309
12	85	80	107	98	67	57	25	22	16	13	3	3	3	.....	1,561
13	80	80	102	102	63	63	24	24	17	17	.....	3	3	.....	1,407
14	101	101	126	110	80	60	31	11	20	10	3	4	4	9	1,507
15	81	54	102	62	63	44	24	15	16	10	3	3	...	260	1,337
16	63	63	78	78	49	47	19	19	12	10	.....	3	1	2	1,486
17	91	84	115	85	71	49	28	14	19	9	3	5	1	395	2,657
18	53	30	66	45	41	40	16	12	10	...	.....	2	...	361	1,545
19	34	12	42	15	27	10	11	4	7	3	.....	2	1	.....	731
20	32	4	39	10	26	9	9	3	6	...	.....	2	.....	56	452
	1,978	1,690	2,485	2,039	1,538	1,260	600	458	389	297	47	42	35	585	47,606

	Conference Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Missions.		Church Exten.		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y.	P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	150	150	200	200	125	100	50	50	29	29	3	6	6	240	3,028
2	50	26	66	48	44	15	17	7	10	7	3	2	2	470	1,303
3	86	55	114	75	71	35	29	10	17	6	10	4	.....	.....	1,424
4	75	75	100	100	63	63	24	24	14	14	1	3	3	33	2,736
5	41	41	55	55	34	34	14	14	8	8	5	2	2	1,333	3,528
6	99	99	131	131	82	82	32	32	19	19	.....	4	4	1,182	4,110
7	49	5	65	10	40	5	16	1	10	2	1	2	.....	60	937
8	107	107	142	142	89	89	35	35	28	28	4	4	4	11	1,724
9	43	22	55	28	35	18	14	7	8	8	2	2	.....	.....	788
10	42	17	56	25	35	10	13	4	8	3	3	2	2	42	1,155
11	54	7	71	11	44	4	18	3	10	1	1	2	.....	.....	1,007
12	54	35	71	25	44	14	18	5	10	2	.....	2	1	.....	990
13	75	56	100	80	63	36	24	14	14	6	11	3	.....	15	1,444
14	75	40	100	50	63	30	24	12	14	5	1	3	2	.....	1,234
15	64	40	85	70	53	30	21	7	12	4	1	3	2	.....	1,232
16	91	91	120	120	76	76	30	30	18	18	3	4	4	6	2,617
17	56	30	75	38	47	24	18	9	11	6	.....	2	1	531	1,855
18	85	85	113	113	71	71	28	28	16	16	5	4	.....	1,136	4,065
19	53	37	71	57	44	25	19	8	10	6	2	2	.....	.....	765
20	85	48	113	63	71	39	28	15	16	9	6	4	4	118	1,984
	1,434	1,066	1,903	1,441	1,194	800	472	315	282	197	62	60	37	5,176	38,016

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ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's		House rent paid or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.		Bishops.	
P. H. WHISNER, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Staunton.....	1500	1500	.....	.....	300	195	195	37	37
2	Harrisonburg.....	1200	1200	.....	.....	150	132	132	25	25
3	Bridgewater.....	1400	1361	.....	.....	50	143	140	27	27
4	Parnassus.....	500	382	.....	.....	50	65	49	12	8
5	West Augusta.....	260	145	.....	.....	.....	34	12	6	3
6	Augusta.....	500	500	.....	.....	100	65	65	13	11
7	Waynesboro.....	700	700	35	35	100	84	84	16	10
8	New Hope.....	450	400	.....	.....	40	58	50	11	7
9	Rockingham.....	425	383	.....	.....	50	55	50	10	4
10	East Rockingham.....	500	500	.....	.....	60	65	65	12	8
11	Elkton.....	650	589	30	.....	50	71	66	14	14
12	Port Republic.....	450	292	.....	.....	50	58	38	11	6
13	Shenandoah.....	535	519	.....	.....	150	65	63	13	10
14	Luray.....	518	518	.....	.....	120	65	65	13	13
15	New Market.....	375	316	13	13	50	41	35	8	4
16	Mt. Jackson.....	300	189	.....	.....	75	39	24	7	4
17	Marksville.....	250	200	.....	.....	50	39	21	7	7
18	Fairfield.....	500	341	.....	.....	50	65	44	12	5
19	Rockbridge Baths.....	275	201	.....	.....	75	32	23	6	2
20	Bell's Valley.....	270	221	.....	.....	60	29	24	5	2
Total.....		11558	10457	78	48	1630	1400	1245	265	213

ROANOKE DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent paid or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.		Bishops.	
B. F. Ball, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Salem.....	1000	1000	.....	.....	150	125	125	25	25
2	Greene Memorial.....	1500	1500	.....	.....	360	160	160	38	38
3	Trinity.....	800	800	.....	.....	.....	80	80	18	18
4	St. James.....	800	800	50	50	165	70	70	15	15
5	Grace.....	650	650	.....	.....	100	50	50	11	11
6	Roanoke Circuit.....	675	516	.....	.....	.....	60	50	30	13
7	Vinton.....	600	600	.....	.....	75	70	70	15	15
8	Bethany.....	440	375	.....	.....	75	60	51	13	6
9	James River.....	600	537	.....	.....	60	70	63	15	10
10	Fincastle.....	700	700	30	30	125	70	70	15	15
11	Botetourt.....	725	662	.....	.....	125	70	65	15	14
12	Buena Vista and Rockbridge.	935	935	15	15	150	100	100	14	14
13	Lexington.....	1000	911	48	48	150	95	85	23	23
14	Collierstown.....	400	203	.....	.....	75	40	20	9	2
15	Elliston.....	400	400	.....	.....	60	50	50	10	7
16	Christiansburg.....	700	542	.....	.....	125	80	62	18	12
17	Blacksburg.....	550	550	.....	.....	100	70	70	14	14
18	Newport.....	750	750	.....	.....	50	75	75	15	15
19	New Castle.....	450	400	.....	.....	50	45	40	10	2
20	Catawba.....	335	241	.....	.....	.....	35	24	8	4
Total.....		14010	12072	143	143	1995	1475*	1380	341	273

*Including \$100 for repairs on District Parsonage.

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	Conference Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Missions.		Church Exten.		Educa- tion.		Am.B. Soc'y.	P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	177	177	203	203	127	127	57	57	35	35	.....	7	7	2,228	6,645
2	118	140	136	150	85	100	38	38	23	23	12	5	5	.....	2,771
3	130	140	149	165	94	100	41	41	26	26	12	6	6	350	2,791
4	59	33	68	50	43	23	19	5	12	4	2	3	2	33	734
5	30	5	35	9	21	5	9	2	6	2	1	1	1	.....	357
6	59	47	68	68	43	43	19	15	12	10	5	3	2	.....	1,006
7	77	30	88	55	55	10	24	10	15	4	.....	3	1	.....	1,337
8	53	20	61	25	38	15	17	5	9	2	1	2	1	.....	659
9	50	21	57	25	36	15	16	6	9	4	2	1	1	20	1,224
10	59	44	68	53	43	29	19	5	12	4	2	3	1	45	888
11	65	39	75	40	49	10	20	5	13	4	.....	3	1	1,142	2,069
12	53	27	61	24	38	15	17	8	10	3	1	2	1	740	1,948
13	59	41	68	68	43	27	19	8	11	7	2	3	2	245	1,405
14	59	59	69	69	43	43	19	19	12	12	4	3	3	104	1,114
15	38	13	43	37	26	16	12	4	7	3	2	1	1	.....	687
16	36	13	40	15	25	9	11	3	7	3	1	1	...	.....	355
17	36	36	40	40	25	25	11	11	7	7	1	1	1	.....	531
18	59	16	68	12	43	10	19	5	12	5	3	3	1	80	720
19	30	2	34	3	21	5	9	1	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	502
20	26	12	30	14	19	9	8	3	4	1	.....	1	1	.....	502
	1,273	915	1,461	1,125	917	636	404	251	248	159	51	53	38	4,987	28,245

	Conference Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Missions.		Church Exten.		Educa- tion.		Am.B. Soc'y.	P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	122	122	143	143	89	89	34	34	24	24	.....	5	5	814	3,229
2	183	183	214	214	134	134	51	51	36	36	.....	8	8	.....	7,918
3	85	85	100	100	63	63	24	...	17	17	.....	3	3	.....	1,896
4	73	73	87	87	53	53	20	20	14	14	.....	3	3	.....	2,113
5	50	50	61	61	38	38	14	14	11	11	.....	2	2	683	2,178
6	98	43	117	55	71	16	28	5	18	3	.....	5	....	337	1,096
7	73	51	87	66	53	38	20	15	14	9	.....	3	.....	.....	1,104
8	60	25	71	34	45	13	17	5	11	4	5	3	1	155	884
9	73	25	87	20	54	15	21	8	14	2	.....	3	1	...	1,272
10	73	50	87	50	54	30	21	10	14	8	1	3	3	28	1,574
11	73	59	87	60	54	30	21	6	14	7	.....	3	.....	.....	1,390
12	120	53	142	63	91	38	35	17	24	10	1	3	3	269	2,257
13	109	109	127	127	80	80	31	31	22	22	4	5	5	340	3,861
14	47	6	56	6	37	8	14	3	10	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	710
15	47	27	55	35	36	16	14	10	10	7	.....	2	1	.....	744
16	85	35	100	35	63	25	24	7	17	6	.....	3	.....	.....	1,188
17	67	67	76	76	49	22	20	5	13	5	2	3	3	110	1,276
18	73	32	89	42	55	23	21	7	17	6	2	3	.....	...	2,082
19	47	11	56	9	36	8	14	2	10	1	.....	2	.....	.....	561
20	35	12	42	16	26	13	10	4	6	1	.....	1	.....	.....	457
	1,593	1,118	1,884	1,399	1,181	752	454	254	316	193	15	65	38	2,736	37,790

TABLE No. 2.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent paid or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.		Bishops.	
J. D. Martin, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Lewisburg.....	720	722	20	20	150	105	107	17	18
2	Frankford.....	600	588	33	.....	50	110	101	18	15
3	Blue Sulphur.....	430	430	.....	.....	50	55	55	9	9
4	Green Sulphur.....	175	156	.....	.....	25	25	22	5	1
5	Hinton.....	1000	1000	45	.....	180	110	110	18	18
6	Talcott.....	350	278	.....	.....	60	50	40	8	3
7	Alderson.....	550	493	.....	.....	120	85	77	14	10
8	Greenville.....	700	522	.....	.....	100	80	60	13	3
9	Union.....	500	415	.....	.....	100	85	73	14	9
10	Ronceverte & White Sulphur.	615	615	20	20	180	95	95	16	9
11	Alvon.....	230	159	.....	.....	36	30	20	5	3
12	Alleghany.....	400	400	.....	.....	30	35	35	6	5
13	Covington.....	750	750	21	21	180	110	110	18	18
14	Clifton Forge.....	900	800	30	.....	125	105	89	16	14
15	Millboro.....	248	146	.....	.....	60	30	20	5	3
16	Levelton.....	600	538	60	.....	150	100	89	17	9
17	Huntersville.....	365	253	.....	.....	.....	50	35	8	6
18	Green Bank.....	600	375	10	.....	50	75	31	12	8
19	Gillets.....	305	184	.....	.....	30	50	20	5	2
20	Hot Springs.....	170	178	.....	.....	.....	35	35	6	3
Total.....		10208	9002	239	61	1676	1400	1224	230	166

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent paid or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.		Bishops.	
G. H. Zimmerman, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Moorefield.....	700	700	65	.....	150	100	100	15	10
2	Petersburg.....	350	281	.....	.....	50	60	49	10	8
3	Franklin.....	450	450	.....	.....	100	65	65	12	6
4	Cra's Bottom.....	400	293	.....	.....	75	65	48	12	6
5	Keyser.....	800	800	.....	.....	200	100	100	18	18
6	Elk Garden.....	450	450	.....	.....	.....	55	55	10	8
7	Piedmont.....	750	750	.....	.....	.....	90	90	15	15
8	Frostburg.....	400	400	.....	.....	84	65	65	10	1
9	Flintstone.....	465	438	.....	.....	36	60	56	12	12
10	Romney.....	900	905	.....	.....	120	125	125	16	16
11	Springfield.....	650	650	.....	.....	75	75	75	14	12
12	Slanesville.....	410	400	.....	.....	.....	60	59	10	9
13	Hardy.....	350	265	.....	.....	.....	55	42	10	7
14	Morgan.....	400	336	.....	.....	75	50	50	10	4
15	Gainesboro.....	400	330	.....	.....	50	60	50	10	8
16	Wardensville.....	320	320	.....	.....	50	50	50	10	6
17	Capon Bridge.....	500	500	25	25	50	70	70	13	13
18	Listonburg.....	340	302	.....	.....	40	60	51	10	7
19	Monterey.....	550	575	.....	.....	150	70	70	13	13
20	McDowell.....	500	470	.....	.....	75	65	60	12	10
Total.....		10,085	9,615	90	25	1,380	1,400	1,330	242	189

TABLE No. 2.

	Conference Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Missions.		Church Extens'n		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y.	P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	83	84	93	94	58	59	24	25	16	17	2	3	4	125	2074
2	87	50	98	47	61	45	24	10	17	7	.....	4	1	.....	1282
3	44	30	22	7	31	20	12	5	19	6	3	2	2	77	795
4	20	6	49	27	14	6	5	1	4	1	.....	1	1	63	374
5	87	75	98	75	61	35	24	15	17	10	8	4	2	65	2155
6	40	5	44	5	28	5	11	...	8	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	522
7	67	40	76	37	47	16	19	8	13	6	.....	.....	3	.....	1153
8	63	16	71	15	45	10	18	4	13	3	5	2	1	.....	1249
9	67	37	76	58	47	33	19	4	13	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	944
10	75	55	84	42	53	20	21	11	15	8	1	3	1	147	6019
11	24	12	26	10	17	8	7	4	...	2	2	...	1	.....	766
12	28	15	31	14	19	15	8	2	5	2	1	2	1	.....	610
13	87	87	98	98	61	61	24	24	17	17	.....	2	2	.....	1675
14	83	55	93	93	58	25	24	8	16	6	.....	.....	.....	103	1708
15	24	11	26	24	17	8	7	4	5	3	2	...	1	.....	617
16	79	51	89	45	56	55	22	12	16	8	.....	3	1	.....	1374
17	40	31	44	34	28	21	11	8	8	6	2	....	2	1125	2681
18	59	20	67	18	42	16	17	6	12	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	919
19	24	7	26	11	17	5	7	2	5	1	.....	1	1	.....	620
20	28	15	31	16	19	12	8	4	5	3	2	....	....	121	449
	1109	702	1240	770	779	475	312	157	224	115	28	27	24	1826	27985

	Conference Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Missions.		Church Exten.		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y.	P. & L. Institute.		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	80	55	96	55	65	30	25	6	17	6	3	3	3	3	1423
2	43	13	46	14	28	10	14	7	9	4	1	2	...	1	450
3	58	20	68	34	48	24	18	5	11	4	1	2	1	2	1084
4	50	15	62	16	32	8	15	2	10	2	1	2	....	84	637
5	75	50	85	85	55	35	20	10	15	10	7	3	....	284	2322
6	40	30	53	43	28	21	12	8	8	5	2	2	2	.....	1826
7	65	65	80	80	53	53	20	20	12	12	4	3	3	.....	1267
8	55	25	55	25	35	15	15	3	10	1	2	2	...	2	977
9	65	27	65	25	42	23	18	6	12	6	2	2	2	2	1036
10	80	80	100	100	65	65	30	30	20	20	8	3	3	.....	4005
11	75	70	90	75	57	40	20	12	14	8	2	3	2	3	1366
12	55	49	60	24	41	16	17	9	10	6	.....	2	....	830	2300
13	45	22	52	21	30	13	15	6	10	4	1	2	....	101	583
14	45	7	50	7	30	5	15	3	10	2	1	2	1	.....	701
15	55	13	60	13	43	12	17	3	11	2	2	3	2	93	738
16	43	15	50	16	30	16	12	4	8	2	1	2	....	.....	1224
17	60	60	70	90	40	40	16	16	11	11	10	3	5	93	1791
18	45	16	50	32	25	10	13	2	8	3	1	2	1	42	721
19	67	33	75	40	50	10	20	5	13	4	1	2	....	3	1830
20	65	35	70	50	45	8	20	7	11	2	3	2	....	.....	903
	1,166	700	1,342	845	842	453	352	164	230	114	53	47	25	1,573	27184

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

TABLE No. 2.

	DISTRICTS.	Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent paid or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.		Bishops.	
		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Baltimore.....	17490	16550	66	63	2689	1800	1715	394	357
2	East Baltimore.....	12750	11628	102	53	2396	1680	1523	331	227
3	Washington.....	17750	17323	35	35	2997	1800	1750	412	368
4	Winchester.....	13386	12718	146	140	*2365	1450	1380	299	236
5	Rockingham.....	11556	10457	78	48	*1870	1400	1245	265	213
6	Roanoke.....	14010	12072	143	143	*2145	1475	1380	341	273
7	Lewisburg.....	10208	9002	239	61	*1851	1400	1224	230	166
8	Moorefield.....	10085	9615	90	25	*1580	1400	1330	242	189
	Total this year.....	107237	90365	899	568	17894	12405	11547	2514	2029
	Total last year.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13182	12494	2489	2062
	Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....
	Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	777	947	.....	33

*Includes District Parsonage.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

TABLE No. 2.

	Conference. Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Missions.		Church Extens'n		Educa- tion.		Am.B. Soc'y.	P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	1891	1459	2353	1808	1476	1078	565	387	372	252	61	80	55	8183	44801
2	1581	970	1863	1138	1168	665	448	223	311	169	34	66	37	5137	34865
3	1978	1690	2485	2030	1538	1260	600	458	389	297	47	42	35	5850	47606
4	1434	1066	1903	1441	1194	800	472	314	282	197	62	60	37	5176	38016
5	1273	915	1461	1125	917	636	404	251	248	159	51	53	38	4987	28245
6	1593	1118	1884	1399	1181	752	454	254	316	193	15	65	38	2736	37790
7	1109	702	1240	770	779	475	312	157	224	115	28	27	24	1826	27985
8	1166	700	1342	845	842	453	352	164	230	114	53	47	25	1573	27184
	12025	8569	14533	10556	9095	6119	3607	2208	2372	1496	351	433	289	35468	286592
	11954	8557	14463	10543	8984	5963	3604	2227	2363	1463	290	488	284	.....	273363
	71	12	70	13	111	153	3	.....	9	33	61	...	5	.....	13239
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....

TABLE No. 3—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth L. Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amt. Collected for Sunday Schools.	Amt. Collected for Missions.	Amt. Collected on Children's Day.	Amt. Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.
Central and Caernarvon ...	2	80	2	23	396	153	168	...	...	321
St. Paul's and Wilkins Ave..	2	204	2	54	558	355	488	6	121	970
Emmanuel .....	..	..	1	27	280	148	244	6	....	398
Frederick Ave .....	..	..	1	17	120	25	22	...	20	67
Arlington and Sudbrook...	2	75	2	43	230	213	244	10	461	928
Reisterstown	1	30	3	20	150	50	80	3	....	133
Freedom .....	..	..	9	89	360	138	28	20	....	186
Linganore .....	..	..	6	69	512	83	60	....	....	143
Frederick City	2	100	1	16	72	24	26	3	106	159
Brunswick .....	..	..	1	11	75	29	5	....	2	36
Rockville	5	253	5	46	400	166	100	....	2	268
Gaithersburg	1	50	4	40	270	80	30	....	....	110
Montgomery	1	18	8	76	467	80	50	....	85	215
Beltville	2	55	2	14	155	25	20	....	50	95
Hyattsville	2	83	5	36	177	30	27	15	....	72
Emory .....	..	..	1	18	203	81	66	2	...	149
Wesley Grove .....	..	..	4	33	226	126	112	...	5	243
Laurel	1	45	3	45	445	130	3	2	16	151
Patuxent .....	..	..	4	28	138	56	24	...	100	180
Forest Grove .....	..	..	4	18	152	16	20	....	....	36
Total	21	993	68	728	5,386	2,008	1,817	67	968	4,860

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Trinity .....	..	..	1	24	400	176	610	....	....	786
Calvary	1	203	1	20	179	51	214	....	....	265
North Baltimore .....	..	..	1	13	67	32	101	4	6	143
Taylor's and Roland Park..	1	17	3	35	173	49	70	40	....	159
West Harford .....	..	..	2	22	85	18	51	....	...	69
East Harford	2	55	2	27	161	23	21	4	10	58
Kent .....	..	..	2	15	72	10	35	5	....	50
Queen Anne's	1	25	3	36	200	64	30	5	6	105
Church Hill	4	60	4	29	162	50	27	2	....	79
Hillsboro'	1	45	2	20	98	17	18	....	....	35
Easton and Caroline .....	..	..	4	30	270	144	65	...	....	209
Trappe .....	..	..	2	19	120	25	....	3	45	73
Royal Oak .....	..	..	4	46	245	52	36	....	92	180
Severn .....	..	..	3	28	150	25	15	....	50	90
Chesapeake	2	61	3	33	203	64	90	9	....	163
West River .....	..	..	2	10	80	12	10	3	8	33
Calvert .....	..	..	5	49	340	53	21	...	85	159
Prince George's	1	14	4	30	156	64	12	....	...	76
Charles .....	..	..	3	20	108	15	12	....	....	27
St. Mary's .....	..	..	2	10	55	22	....	....	4	26
Total	13	480	53	516	3,324	966	1,438	75	306	2,785

TABLE No. 8—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth L. Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't Collected for S. Schools.	Am't Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Ob- jects.	Total Amount Raised.
Mt. Vernon and W. Wash..	1	35	2	30	494	267	409	17	557	1,250
Epworth	2	173	1	23	220	90	109	.....	.....	199
Marvin .....	.....	.....	1	15	165	76	147	3	12	238
Alexandria and Mission ...	3	253	3	52	520	200	408	.....	.....	608
Fredericksburg	1	35	1	30	230	155	116	6	153	430
Falls Church.....	1	36	2	32	152	60	136	.....	225	421
Leesburg.....	.....	.....	1	25	178	41	69	.....	85	195
Loudoun.....	2	48	8	75	464	88	34	5	.....	127
Hamilton .....	.....	.....	3	34	167	51	7	.....	.....	58
Hillsborough and Mission..	.....	.....	10	116	569	100	10	.....	.....	110
Middleburg	1	70	3	19	195	39	8	.....	5	52
Sterling	1	36	9	92	551	75	30	10	83	198
Fairfax	2	55	6	52	276	170	50	.....	20	240
Marshall.....	4	151	7	63	355	80	30	9	.....	119
Warrenton	1	42	2	21	120	40	62	.....	.....	102
Occoquan	4	127	8	44	350	109	30	7	2	148
Sudley and Manassas	3	83	8	69	353	58	51	5	87	201
Fauquier	1	32	4	35	221	65	25	3	93	186
Stafford	1	40	5	45	345	26	8	.....	50	84
Morrisville.....	.....	.....	5	45	226	13	.....	.....	.....	13
Total	28	1216	89	917	6,151	1,803	1,739	65	1,372	4,979

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

Winchester	1	53	1	55	334	99	273	9	.....	381
Frederick.....	1	26	4	40	227	34	8	5	6	53
Stephens' City.....	.....	.....	6	54	390	100	28	.....	.....	128
Middletown.....	2	134	3	62	336	55	170	6	20	251
Strasburg	1	60	4	48	256	74	76	.....	35	185
Woodstock	1	33	1	19	183	57	213	.....	.....	270
Edinburg.....	2	62	3	36	330	25	15	.....	.....	40
Front Royal and Riverton..	2	89	2	34	249	61	36	5	.....	102
Warren.....	1	25	4	29	190	33	.....	.....	36	69
Linden.....	1	26	2	14	115	20	8	2	.....	30
Page.....	1	33	5	28	365	24	.....	.....	16	40
White Post.....	.....	.....	5	52	290	112	21	.....	.....	133
Berryville.....	1	22	4	35	248	105	62	.....	.....	167
Brucetown .....	.....	.....	7	71	512	96	60	2	.....	158
Darksville .....	.....	.....	4	60	350	125	60	.....	100	285
Martinsburg	1	111	1	39	314	110	196	3	191	500
Berkeley.....	2	60	2	38	185	30	61	8	43	142
Charles Town.....	1	102	3	33	300	128	146	10	36	320
Jefferson .....	.....	.....	2	20	162	.....	14	.....	30	44
Shepherdstown.....	5	169	5	61	479	110	50	10	40	210
Total.....	23	1005	68	828	5,815	1,398	1,497	60	553	3,508

TABLE No. 3—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth L. Members	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't Collected for S. Schools	Am't Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.
Staunton	3	268	5	98	766	316	203	.....	60	579
Harrisonburg	2	125	1	31	302	186	275	5	50	516
Bridgewater	6	180	9	120	800	150	265	14	11	440
Parnassus	1	43	4	40	225	35	19	4	.....	58
West Augusta . . . . .	.....	.....	3	25	125	10	.....	.....	.....	10
Augusta	1	20	5	50	350	40	31	5	.....	76
Waynesboro . . . . .	.....	.....	3	33	202	108	53	.....	.....	161
New Hope . . . . .	.....	.....	2	22	125	16	11	4	7	38
Rockingham . . . . .	.....	.....	3	30	180	20	13	.....	.....	33
East Rockingham	1	54	2	20	200	37	5	.....	.....	42
Elkton	2	28	2	20	181	21	58	.....	.....	79
Port Republic . . . . .	.....	.....	5	35	260	32	.....	.....	26	58
Shenandoah	1	30	3	25	195	55	10	5	20	90
Luray	1	50	1	21	130	28	40	.....	17	85
New Market . . . . .	.....	.....	3	33	193	41	14	3	.....	58
Mt Jackson . . . . .	.....	.....	3	16	138	14	3	.....	.....	17
Marksville	2	82	1	19	189	35	53	.....	.....	88
Fairfield . . . . .	.....	.....	5	40	260	60	5	3	.....	68
Rockbridge Baths	1	25	1	17	110	10	5	.....	.....	15
Bell's Valley	2	80	2	19	84	15	.....	.....	.....	15
Total	23	985	63	714	5,015	1,229	1,063	43	191	2,526

ROANOKE DISTRICT.

Salem	1	105	3	52	458	292	100	6	47	445
Greene Memorial	1	140	2	39	353	179	216	.....	404	799
Trinity	1	54	1	22	134	70	110	.....	.....	180
St. James	1	90	1	27	290	97	224	4	82	407
Grace	1	62	1	23	285	128	75	.....	.....	203
Roanoke Circuit	2	94	5	34	320	44	7	2	5	58
Vinton	1	6	1	23	200	.....	80	.....	.....	80
Bethany	1	20	2	17	72	54	.....	.....	51	105
James River . . . . .	.....	.....	3	29	134	41	.....	.....	.....	41
Fincastle	1	40	4	48	252	75	87	54	30	246
Botetourt . . . . .	.....	.....	5	36	301	90	.....	9	60	159
Buena Vista & Rockbridge	2	120	4	38	264	72	19	6	10	107
Lexington . . . . .	.....	.....	1	19	145	79	207	.....	.....	286
Collierstown . . . . .	.....	.....	3	25	200	10	.....	.....	.....	10
Elliston	2	55	4	30	240	30	.....	.....	50	80
Christiansburg	2	63	2	23	185	73	30	.....	90	193
Blacksburg	1	62	2	24	205	53	56	.....	41	150
Newport . . . . .	.....	.....	5	34	280	50	18	4	8	80
New Castle	1	25	2	15	160	16	.....	.....	20	36
Catawba . . . . .	.....	.....	5	42	245	15	.....	.....	.....	15
Total	18	936	56	599	4,723	1,468	1,229	85	898	3,680

TABLE No. 3—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth L. Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't Collected for S. Schools.	Am't Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Ob- jects.	Total Amount Raised.
Lewisburg.....	1	42	2	18	166	35	93	.....	26	154
Frankford.....	2	50	2	50	460	46	24	12	60	142
Blue Sulphur.....	..	....	6	15	180	17	25	.....	..	42
Green Sulphur.....	..	....	1	5	59	2	3	.....	..	5
Hinton.....	1	45	1	13	130	56	53	.....	..	109
Talcott.....	..	....	2	18	136	19	.....	.....	..	19
Alderson.....	2	50	3	20	135	57	20	.....	51	128
Greenville.....	..	....	5	42	319	33	.....	5	.....	38
Union.....	..	....	4	33	259	78	16	7	15	116
Ronceverte and W. Sulph'r	3	160	3	40	310	160	100	5	150	415
Alvon.....	..	....	5	25	180	9	.....	.....	..	9
Alleghany.....	..	....	9	45	300	40	.....	.....	..	40
Covington.....	1	62	2	35	186	38	102	7	.....	147
Clifton Forge.....	1	25	1	18	160	33	117	10	12	172
Millboro.....	..	....	3	12	100	3	2	.....	.....	5
Levelton.....	1	40	5	40	341	37	62	.....	.....	99
Huntersville.....	..	....	5	38	250	30	.....	.....	..	30
Greenbank.....	1	31	5	28	234	28	3	.....	3	34
Gilletts.....	..	....	4	18	212	12	.....	.....	..	12
Hot Springs.....	..	....	2	8	50	6	.....	.....	4	10
Total... ..	13	525	76	521	4,167	739	620	46	321	1,726

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.

Moorefield.....	2	66	3	21	143	20	41	.....	.....	61
Petersburg.....	1	27	3	28	170	.....	.....	2	.....	2
Franklin.....	..	....	6	45	227	32	22	.....	3	57
Crab Bottom.....	..	....	3	25	189	14	.....	.....	..	14
Keyser... ..	2	160	1	29	325	155	67	.....	.....	222
Elk Garden.....	1	25	4	30	300	60	32	3	27	122
Piedmont.....	1	125	1	17	120	50	50	.....	.....	100
Frostburg.....	..	....	2	27	200	62	46	3	32	143
Flintstone.....	..	....	4	25	145	20	.....	4	.....	24
Romney.....	4	120	11	55	438	122	50	5	.....	177
Springfield.....	2	82	13	92	511	67	8	9	46	130
Slanesville.....	..	....	6	40	200	25	.....	8	35	68
Hardy.....	1	28	11	80	441	12	1	1	.....	14
Morgan.....	..	....	6	71	435	40	.....	.....	..	40
Gainsboro.....	1	24	6	48	387	63	4	3	10	80
Wardensville.....	1	42	4	45	200	40	2	.....	.....	42
Capon Bridge.....	1	40	6	47	265	60	7	4	8	79
Listonburg.....	2	50	6	51	290	45	2	.....	8	55
Monterey.....	5	175	5	50	375	50	50	1	25	126
McDowell.....	2	60	7	50	415	75	38	.....	20	133
Total... ..	26	1020	108	876	5,776	1,012	420	43	214	1,689

RECAPITULATION TABLE No. 3—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scho'ars.	Am't Collected for Sunday Schools.	Am't Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.
Baltimore.....	21	993	68	728	5,386	2,008	1,817	67	968	4,860
East Baltimore....	13	480	53	516	3,324	966	1,438	75	306	2,785
Washington.....	28	1216	89	917	6,151	1,803	1,739	65	1,372	4,979
Winchester.....	23	1005	68	828	5,815	1,398	1,497	60	553	3,508
Rockingham.....	23	985	63	714	5,015	1,229	1,063	43	191	2,526
Roanoke.....	18	936	56	599	4,723	1,468	1,229	85	898	3,680
Lewisburg.....	13	525	76	521	4,167	739	620	46	321	1,726
Moorefield.....	26	1020	108	876	5,776	1,012	420	43	214	1,689
Total.....	165	7,160	581	5,699	40,357	10,623	9,823	484	4,823	25,753
Total last year..	98	4,304	579	5,729	39,915	11,141	9,769	619	4,952	26,432
Increase.....	67	2,856	2	442	54
Decrease.....	30	418	135	129	676


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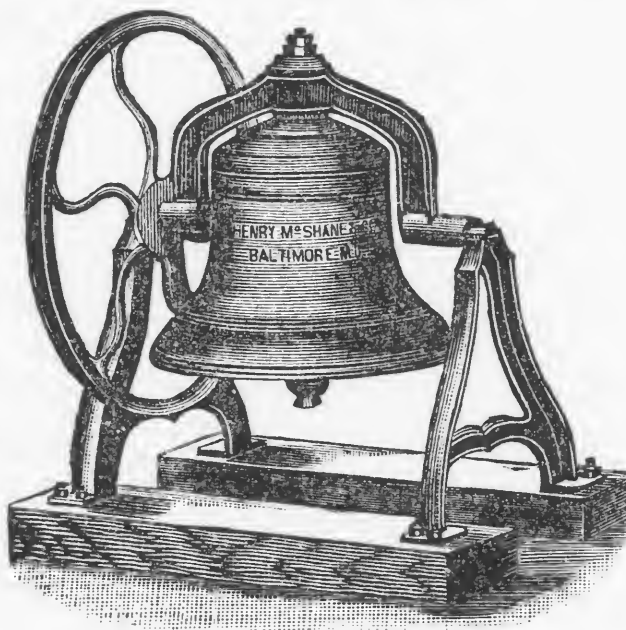
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